



**ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE**  
The annual Snowmobile USA Show & Sale starts Friday and continues through Sunday at Rock Financial Showplace, on the north side of Grand River Avenue, just west of Tait Road. Show hours are 5-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10, individuals 16 and under admitted free. Parking is \$5. For more information, call (800) 746-8963 or go to [www.snowmobileusa.com](http://www.snowmobileusa.com).

**For breaking news  
in Novi, click  
[www.novinews.com](http://www.novinews.com)**

**Craft Show at Catholic Central**  
Take your holiday shopping list with you to the Piccadilly Square Holiday Craft Show & Marketplace from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Catholic Central High School, on the west side of Wixom Road, just south of Grand River Avenue.  
More than 60 crafters and vendors will be on hand. Food and beverage will also be available.  
For more information, call Judi Franco at (248) 474-0158.

## NOVI ELECTION

### 3 JOBS

NOVI ELECTION WORKERS HANDLE!

**TAKE A POLL!** The Novi City Clerk's office runs the election process in the city, but with 17 precincts, they can't do it alone. Three people work each precinct and making sure everything goes smoothly. What do they do?

**RIGHT PLACE**

Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said some voters don't carry their registration card with them, and sometimes show up at the wrong precinct. It's the election worker's job to let you know if you've stopped at the right polling location.

**RIGHT GUARDS**

Cornelius said election workers make sure voters can do their civic duty, even if they aren't on the precinct's list and forget their registration cards. She said election workers have the voters sign an affidavit stating they registered on time.

**INTEGRITY**

Election workers are given a rundown of Michigan election laws before the big day. For example, Cornelius said, state law dictates that all ballots are cast in secret, and election workers are there to be sure they are.



Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius demonstrates how to insert a ballot in a new voting machine, one of many unsung jobs poll workers will be responsible for next Tuesday.

**WHAT'S GOING ON?**  
See Novi's official events calendar, "What's Going On?" Page 18A

**PHOTO REPRINTS!**

See a familiar face in the Novi News? Photo reprints are available for all pictures appearing in the Novi News: 8.5 x 11 and 12 x 18. They make great gifts! Call for details (248) 349-1700.

## Oakland Physical Therapy, PC Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Frank C. Kava, MS, PT and Kristie Sherman Kava, MS, PT

Novi residents, Frank and Kristie Kava, both physical therapists, opened the doors of Oakland Physical Therapy, PC in Novi twenty five years ago. The first office was located near Ten Mile & Lagerty roads in the Holly Hills medical complex. At the time, the practice was the only outpatient physical therapy facility between Orchard Lake and Brighton. After ten years at Holly Hills, they moved to the Providence Park Medical Center where they have resided for the past fifteen years. Oakland Physical Therapy, PC will be moving into the new Providence Park Medical Office Building in

2007 as part of the Providence Park Hospital Campus expansion, where a new 200-bed hospital and medical office building is under construction. "Our new location will be larger with state-of-the-art equipment and an expanded fitness area," says Kristie Kava. As long time residents of Novi, their three children attended Novi Public Schools and Frank & Kristie continue to be actively involved with St. James Catholic Church, Northville First United Methodist Church and are members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Frank and Kristie direct a highly competent staff of orthopedic physical therapists, physical therapy technicians and administrative personnel and continue to be actively involved with hundreds of patients.

As part of the Fitness & Wellness seminar series on November 9, 2006, they will be hosting a class on Managing Osteoarthritis and Osteoporosis and on December 6, a class on Getting Conditioned for Skiing. Both programs begin at 7 pm and are offered free of charge as a public service; however registration is required by calling 248.380.3550. Arrive prior to the class at 6:30 pm for refreshments in celebration of 25 Years in orthopedic, sports and performing arts physical therapy.

Frank & Kristie were among the first to achieve advanced certification in manual physical therapy from the renowned Orthopedic Manual Therapy Program at Oakland University and had the rare opportunity to train with some of the most highly recognized practitioners in the United States, Norway and Europe. Frank is recognized by the American Physical Therapy Association as a Certified Specialist in Orthopedics.

Kristie regularly speaks to Performing Arts students about injury prevention, management and the general health needs of instrumental musicians and is a member of the Performing Arts Medicine Association (PAMA), a network of dedicated medical professionals, artists, educators and administrators whose common goal is improving the health care of performing artists. Over the next several months, Kristie will be conducting research investigating the effect of Pilates exercise on instrumental musicians in the completion of Doctorate of Science in Physical Therapy. She also serves in an advisory capacity at Michigan State University on the Musician Wellness Team.

**Oakland Physical Therapy, PC is committed to serving the physical therapy needs of the Novi area and offers the following programs:**

**Performing Arts Physical Therapy** addresses the needs of the performing artist and musician through a dynamic, integrated approach to rehabilitation.

**Sports Physical Therapy** is a comprehensive approach to the identification, management and prevention of sport and exercise related conditions.

**Community Education** classes open to the general public and patients including classes on running injuries and prevention, stress management, exercise and low back pain, arthritis and osteoporosis, and getting conditioned for skiing.

**Pilates** mat classes are offered with the goal of increasing musculoskeletal performance without risking injury. The classes focus on core stability, balance and shoulder girdle and pelvic placement, postural alignment and breathing.

A **Fitness Program** available to patients discharged from physical therapy.

**Oakland PHYSICAL THERAPY, P.C.**

**Specializing in Orthopedic, Sports and Performing Arts Physical Therapy**

47601 Grand River Avenue Suite B124 Novi, MI 48374  
(248) 380-3550  
[www.oaklandphysicaltherapy.com](http://www.oaklandphysicaltherapy.com)

**Fitness & Wellness Seminar Series-7 p.m.**  
Free of Charge-to register call 248.380.3550

November 9, 2006  
**Managing Osteoarthritis & Osteoporosis**

December 6, 2006  
**Get Conditioned for Skiing**



## Are you an organ & tissue donor?

Ask your family today, and let them know your decision, too. That way you'll know, they'll know, and there will be no question later. For a free brochure, call 1-800-355-SHARE. Share your life, share your decision. Michigan Coalition on donation.

Organ & Tissue Donor Registry

## Shaping things up

On his way to the 'grave,' Novi man sheds 152 pounds

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Tipping the scales at 350 pounds, Rick Hamet decided to get serious.

He bought two suits for airline travel and even suffered panic attacks because he often thought he was having a heart attack. Now about 18 months later, the 57-year-old Northville resident has lost 152 pounds with the help of the staff at Fitness Together, a personal training studio in Novi.

"I went from a 56- to a 36-inch waist," Hamet said.

### Boo's Fitness Tips

Did you know the average American will gain 10 pounds of fat between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day? With the holidays almost upon us with their abundance of stress and food, here are some tips that will help you sail through the holidays without sacrificing your health.

- Boost your exercise. Get moving for an hour a day, four to five days a week during the holidays to help compensate for the extra calories you'll be consuming.
- Eat fat. Eating moderate amounts of fat at a meal can help you feel full sooner and keep you full longer. Just don't overdo it.
- Don't skip meals. Skipping meals leads to hunger, low energy levels and improper food choices.
- Eat what you like. Don't pass up favorite foods or deprive yourself completely. Moderation and consumption is the key.
- If you don't buy it, you can't eat it. Don't tempt yourself by keeping trigger or comfort foods around the house.
- Plan ahead. Make and stick to a daily meal and exercise plan.

SOURCE: Boo Sadklot, Fitness Together

**A telling visit to the doctor**

Hamet, a specification analyst for General Motors Corp., said the turning point for him was a visit to the doctor.

"Besides feeling lousy, my doctor said my blood tests were horrible," he said. He has a family history of diabetes, and his blood glucose level was 260. Now it's 93.

"I decided I didn't want to take drugs, and I was going to change my life," he said. He learned about Fitness Together when he read a circular featuring Novi and Northville businesses.

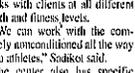
"I liked the aspect of the one-on-one format," Hamet said. "I was totally ignorant of the weight-lifting gym environment."

Hamet's cardiovascular workout began with a walk to the mailbox a block away. Now, after losing 152 pounds, he can run four miles. His cholesterol dropped from about 280 to about 110, and he also eliminated his sleep apnea.

Courtesy photo  
**Flick Hamet of Northville at 350 pounds.**



Courtesy photo  
**Flick Hamet minus 152 pounds at 198 pounds. His goal weight is 175.**



The facility has state-of-the-art workout equipment, and the staff works with clients of all different health and fitness levels.

"We can work with the completely nonconditioned all the way up to athletes," Sadklot said.

The center also has specific workouts for such sports like skiing and golf.

Sadklot said this time of year is especially important for people to start thinking about fitness goals, since many people gain during the holiday season.

Fitness Together is not a health club or a gym, and the cost depends on the number of sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.



Fitness Together owner Boo Sadklot helps client Pam Supertfisky at his Ten Mile Road gym. Supertfisky has dropped 25 pounds since she started.

**Exercise four times a week**

Hamet works out three days a week at Fitness Together, swims at the Sports Club of Novi at least once a week and often jogs through Maybury Park.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

Each of the studio's three rooms has fully equipped, clients can use the gym's professional staff following personal training sessions.

**Charter One**  
Not your typical bank.

# Now get up to 12,500 bonus points.

Open a checking account today and get rewarded just by using your Debit Card.

- Earn an Everyday Point<sup>®</sup> for every dollar you spend on all non-PIN Debit Card purchases.
- Redeem points for cash gift cards, merchandise and better rates on banking products.

Visit your nearest branch, go to [charterone.com/rewards](http://charterone.com/rewards) or call 1-877-TOP-RATE.

**Holiday Craft Show & Marketplace**  
Saturday, Nov. 4 • 10am-4pm  
Catholic Central High School  
32225 Wixom Rd. • Novi • 48064  
53 admission includes raffle ticket to win one of 75 prizes  
Sponsored by Catholic Central Student Club

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LIVING WITH ASTHMA NIGHT,  
presented by the  
**AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION**  
of Michigan  
November 11, 2006  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
47601 Grand River Avenue, Suite B124, Novi, MI 48374  
248-380-3550

**THE NOVI NEWS**  
Published Each Thursday  
By The Novi News  
161 W. Main Street  
Northville, Michigan 48167  
Periodical  
At Northville, Michigan

Subscription Rates:  
Inside Counties \$9 for 13 wks. home delivery. Outside Counties (in Michigan) \$10 for 13 wks. prepaid. Out of state, \$12 for 13 wks.

The Novi News is published by Federated Publications, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Gannett Co. Inc. Postmaster: send address changes to The Novi News, Post Office Box 476, Howell, MI 48864. POLICY STATEMENT: All advertising published in The Novi News is subject to the conditions of the advertising department. The Novi News, 161 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, (248) 439-1700. The Novi News reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. The Novi News does not have the authority to accept an advertiser's order. An advertiser's order is not binding until it is accepted in full by the advertising department. The Novi News is not responsible for the return of unsolicited mail. Publication Number USPS 398290.

# Spotlight on Business

Louis M. Kirby  
248-447-0700  
43737 Pontiac Trail, Suite 103  
Warren  
Louis@kirbyallstate.com

**Allstate**  
You're in good hands.

2300 ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY  
ALLSTATE.COM

**Flowers of Novi** 10% OFF  
with this ad

24261 Novi Rd. • 2nd floor  
Just N. of 10 Mile  
248.380.8250  
flowersofnovi.com  
Looking for wedding flowers? Call us!

**Novi**  
DENTAL CENTER  
• Family & Cosmetic Dentistry  
• Reconstruction & Implant Dentistry  
• Periodontal Treatment  
• Emergency Dental Care  
Dr. Allen Tuckklaper, DDS  
43410 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi  
www.novidental.com  
248.348.3100

**Sam Rosenberg MD, PC**  
Chief of Urology  
Huron Valley - Sinai Hospital  
Affiliated with Providence Hospital  
• New Patients welcome  
• Same day appts. available  
Novi Commerce Exp.  
248.755.2441 248.360.7677  
www.srosenberg.com

**Pillar to post**  
Randall Patterson  
Certified Home Inspector  
248.755.3422  
www.randallpatterson.com

**Main Dish**  
Living Simple... Cooking Smart!  
Holiday Appetizers  
now available for pick up  
Check out website for details  
www.mainsdishkitchen.com  
24277 Novi Road  
248.348.9900

248-474-5962  
www.noviprinting.com  
**Novi Printing**  
Specializing in:  
Wedding Invitations  
Personalized Holiday  
Greetings

**Diamond Castle**  
Jewelers Since 1902  
2005 People's Choice  
Best Jewelry Store  
39955 Grand River Ave.  
Novi • 248-442-2440  
www.diamondcastlejewelry.com

**STATE FARM**  
INSURANCE  
Mike Gabriel  
41390 W. Ten Mile • Novi, MI 48375  
248-477-8383  
mike.gabriel@statefarm.com

## Smiles brighter at Novi Family Dental Centre

Novi Family Dental Centre provides an unforgettable trip to the dentist. Going to the dentist can be something to look forward to — not dread.

Dr. Allen Tuckklaper and his staff make dental work totally pain-free. Those who fear dentists can feel comfortable coming to Novi Dental. Even extended dental work won't hurt, with all sorts of comfort options.



Dentist Dr. Allen Tuckklaper

Sedation dentistry works wonders for those that are uncomfortable in the dentist's chair.

"We see a lot of people that are anxious about coming to the dentist, and the sedation dentistry works well to make them feel relaxed," said Dr. Tuckklaper. "We make sure people are comfortable."

Novi Dental and Aesthetic Centre also is known for its cosmetic dentistry. Dr. Tuckklaper has been a leader in the field for several decades, having spent years perfecting techniques that other dentists are just now trying out.

The office uses a high-tech process called CEREC for beautiful natural-colored crowns. A CEREC machine is in use on-site so that large fillings and crowns can be quickly manufactured. This means that patients don't have to come in twice for a crown — the entire process can take place in one visit.

A perfect smile can become a reality at Novi Dental. Dr. Tuckklaper can take a mouth filled with broken, discolored or malpositioned teeth and apply expertly crafted veneers. Or, some patients just need professional tooth whitening, like the ZOOM treatment seen on TV.

Once they have a new, more beautiful smile, patients can't stop grinning. For some it's a new lease on life.

"It's incredible to see the difference," said Dr. Tuckklaper. "Most people tell me that they wish they had done it sooner."

But these complex processes require a dentist with experience. After more than 26 years in practice, Dr. Tuckklaper has proven himself a premier expert in his field. He graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School in 1975. Dr. Tuckklaper has stayed current with the newest techniques by networking and taking classes with the best dentists in the nation. He has since gone on to teach his cutting-edge techniques to others at the world-renowned Ross Nash Institute in North Carolina.

"Anyone can call themselves a cosmetic dentist, but would you really want someone without experience practicing on you?" Dr. Tuckklaper said. "Experience plays a big part in doing this right, and getting a flawless result."

The feedback from patients speaks for itself. Some travel many miles for Dr. Tuckklaper's services. Others continue to visit for dental work even after they've moved out of state. There's a bond between the friendly office staff and patients — many of whom have been coming to Novi Dental for over a decade.

The office is the perfect place for patients of all ages — from preschoolers coming in for their first check-up to senior citizens who want to keep their smile looking bright. Dr. Tuckklaper can help patients stay healthy with dental cleanings, education and preventative treatments.

Novi Family Dental Centre is located at 43410 W. Ten Mile Road between Ten Mile and Novi Road. The office is open Monday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call (248) 348-3100 or go to [www.novidental.com](http://www.novidental.com).

By Kate Hagan

**\$5.00 Off**  
Any regular price  
Shoe Purchase  
Hershey's Too  
Comfort Shoes  
(248) 347-7838  
47375 Grand River • Novi  
at the corner of 10 Mile Road  
www.hersheystoo.com

**PERSON TO PERSON**  
43155 Main Street, Ste. 304  
Novi • 248.347.4053

**TELCOM**  
CREDIT UNION  
Anyone Can Join  
Novi Branch  
44575 W. Twelve Mile Road  
248.735.9500  
telcomcu.com

**THOROLD'S TIRE & AUTO**  
248-348-9230  
• Wheel Balance/Alignment  
• Tire Tubs • Brake Service  
• Truck & Car Frame  
& much more  
44170 Grand River • Novi  
248.349.7550

**FT**  
248-348-9230

**Yokum & Co.**  
Accounting &  
Tax Professionals  
(248) 473-5566  
40500 E. Grand River • Novi

**Novi Carpets**  
Your Floor  
Covering  
Specialists  
(248) 477-0640  
24300 Meadowbrook Rd • Novi

**JB**  
Jonathan Brateman  
Properties  
(248) 477-5000  
www.bratemanproperties.com

**PIZZA MARVELOUS**  
Voted Novi's Best Pizza!  
Pizza • Salads • Sandwiches  
• Children's Pizza  
• Free Delivery • Catering  
248.348.1000

## Free health screenings offered at Novi Civic Center Providence Hospital doctor to sponsor Friday event

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER



Vicky Savas, M.D.

Vicky Savas, M.D., a Providence Hospital cardiologist, believes people should have access to free health screenings.

"I do it because I love to teach and educate," Savas said. "I have learned that simple, painless, inexpensive testing can change people's health destiny."

She said it takes seconds to measure someone's blood sugar, which can identify diabetes — a serious disease with multiple implications.

The Novi Civic Center will be the site of several free health

screenings for the public.

The 10 a.m.-1 p.m. event, open to people of all ages, will include:

- Blood pressure measurements.
- Blood sugar testing.
- Body Mass Index measurements (used to determine if a person is overweight) and
- Free light, healthy refreshments.

The screenings require no

insurance card. Many giveaways will be available, including cookbooks, carbohydrate calculators and health-related literature.

No registration is required either for the screenings. Registered diabetics will also be on site.

Savas has been offering free health screenings for 22 years. The first one she provided in June in Novi was an eight-hour conference with CPR training, lectures, and screenings such as cholesterol, ovarian cancer, hearing and bone density tests.

Savas plans to offer another broad series of health screenings at the Novi Civic Center in

January.

"That one will be one of the major eight-hour health expos, like the one last June," she said.

That event will offer prostate, thyroid cholesterol, hearing and bone density tests. Breakfast and lunch will also be included at the January event.

For more information, call Savas' office at (248) 356-5033.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at [pfleming@gannett.com](mailto:pfleming@gannett.com).

## MILITARY

Army Spec. Ayanna G. Reese

Army Spec. Ayanna G. Reese has graduated from Phase I of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) course at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.

The course is designed to train the soldier to detect, identify and disarm non-nuclear explosive ordnance, and assist with disposal of munitions and explosive devices. Tasks and activities assist in detecting, researching, and identifying chemical and biological agents; locate, gain access, and dispose of buried ordnance, land mines, and other explosive devices. The student received the skills and knowledge required to understand fundamentals of basic electronics, maintenance and use of EOD tools and kits, and hazardous material transportation procedures.

Reese is the daughter of Alexander and Alma D. Reese of Novi. She is a 2002 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2005 from Michigan State University.

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on 11/18/06 at 10:00 a.m. the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Estate 504 Storage 21650 East Rd, Novi, MI.

Unit# 434 SUSAN McPARLAND - household furnishings, household goods, boxes, bags

Unit# 146 BEN RODRIGUEZ - TV electronics, household furnishings, household goods, boxes, bags, toys, hand tools, power tools, office equipment

Unit# 458 GARY T. SIMMONS - misc. small appliances, household furnishings, boxes, bags, clothing, recreation equipment

## THINKING ABOUT...

A NEW FURNACE?

**LENNOX**  
Innovative never fail to good™

**FREE ESTIMATES**  
(734) 525-1930  
• 0% Financing Available  
• 5 Years Parts & Labor Warranty  
Our 32nd Year!  
**UNITED TEMPERATURE**  
8919 MIDDLEBURY • LUDOWIA

**SOUTH LYON THEATER**  
STARTS Fri, Nov. 3rd  
**Man of the Year**  
Robin Williams, Christopher Walken  
Rated PG-13 115 Min  
Fri. Nov 3rd 5pm  
Fri. Nov 3, 8:30pm  
Agatha Christie's  
Unsuspected Guest  
Sat. thru Thurs 7pm  
Evenings  
Adults \$4.50 Kids \$4.00  
Tuesdays \$3.00  
Wednesday  
FREE sm. Popcorn  
with paid admission  
Thursday  
FREE Ice Cream  
with paid admission  
Monday is  
Senior Citizen Night  
\$3 admission  
126 E. Lake St.  
437-4545

During a fire you need to scout, so plan and practice your escape route!  
**PREVENT FIRE SAVES LIVES.**  
[www.niflives.gov](http://www.niflives.gov)

# opportunity STARTS TODAY DAYS



**30% off** CASHMERE SWEATERS FOR MEN AND WOMEN by Parlaten Signature. Shown (on left) Cashmere V-neck sweater in red. Orig. 150.00, sale 105.00. (on right) Cashmere cardigan in gray. Orig. 120.00, sale 84.00. Cashmere sold in pairs. Orig. 110.00, sale 77.00. Not shown: Ladies' cashmere cardigans. Orig. 110.00, sale 77.00. IN STORES AND LADIES SPORTSWEAR.

**29.99** YOUR CHOICE OF SNUGGLE SOFT™ ROBES OR TROUSERS by Express in a large selection of colors and prints. Orig. 48.00-54.00. IN STORES AND ONLINE.

**30% off** LADIES' BOOTS by BCBGMAXAZRIA, Cole Haan, Donald J. Pliner, Enzo, Bantoliner, Naturalizer and more. Orig. 105.00-169.00, sale 76.30-118.30. IN STORES.

**30% off** FALL & HOLIDAY DRESSES. Choose from a great selection of dresses for office and all the rest-of-year festivities. For the latest look, pair with sold or patterned tights and leggings. Orig. 99.00-208.00, sale 65.30-145.60. IN STORES AND LADIES SPORTSWEAR.

**49.99** DIAMOND EARRINGS in 0.25 ct. Choose from love knot, double-loop and in-into-out settings in 18K gold over sterling silver. Orig. 120.00. IN ACCESSORIES.

**49.99** MERINO WOOL SWEATERS by Parlaten Signature. Made with 100% Italian Baruffa yarns, choose from plain, mock & turtleneck styles. Orig. 58.00. IN STORES. AVAILABLE BY SELECT STORES.

**30% off** KIDS' DRESSWEAR by Claiborne, Hugs, Amy Byes, Bonnie Jean, Goodfry, Bare Eddies, Bill White, Parlaten Baby & Miss Addams. Girls' sizes 2-6, boys' sizes 4-20. Includes and excludes. Orig. 20.00-120.00, sale 14.00-84.00. IN STORES.

## FINAL CLEARANCE! EXTRA 80% OFF ENTIRE STOCK

RED-LINED CLEARANCE MERCHANDISE • LADIES' PETITES & PARISIAN WOMAN SPORTSWEAR • MEN'S & CHILDREN'S APPAREL • JUNIORS

## SAVE MORE WITH YOUR COUPONS

Take an extra 15% OFF PARISIAN any single sale or clearance item, including fine jewelry with Tuesday, October 24 thru Sunday, October 29

Take an extra 15% OFF PARISIAN any single sale or clearance item, including fine jewelry with Tuesday, October 24 thru Sunday, October 29

YOU'RE SOMEBODY SPECIAL  
**P·A·R·I·S·I·A·N**

Save an extra 10% when you open a Parisian account. Valid on your first day's Parisian trade card purchase. Excludes gift cards, baby & seniors. Excludes credit approval and additional terms and restrictions. See an associate for details.

PARISIAN SIGNATURE REWARDS™ EARN PARISIAN REWARD POINTS WITH EVERY PARISIAN CREDIT CARD PURCHASE. SHOP MORE. EARN MORE. SAVE MORE.

# Murder case changes hands

## 52-1 judge disqualifies himself after family raises concerns

By Aileen Wingblad  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

The murder case of Natasha Miller has been transferred out of 52-1 District Judge Brian MacKenzie's courtroom and into the hands of 52-1 District Judge Robert Honley, after MacKenzie disqualified himself last week.

MacKenzie's said his decision stemmed from a Milford Times article reporting Miller's family was upset with the judge's light-headed banter with defense attorney Jerome Sabotta during earlier court proceedings. The family members called his behavior "unprofessional and insulting."

MacKenzie said that while he believes he could be fair and impartial during the proceedings, his sense was Miller's family didn't think so, based on comments in the news story.

Following a discussion in MacKenzie's chambers, Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Tricia Dure brought forth the motion for MacKenzie to be disqualified at what was supposed to be a continuation of a preliminary exam last week for accused murderer John Anderson.

In stepping away from the trial, MacKenzie maintained that he runs a respectful courtroom.

"Criminal justice must have the trust of the community," MacKenzie said. "I was left with the distinct impression that the family didn't think I'd be fair. I

**"Apparently, it was something in my manner — I'm not sure what it is — that caused them to believe I can't be fair. I think they need a sense that the system is clean much more than I need to hear the case."**

Judge Brian MacKenzie  
52-1 District Court, Novi

would hope they didn't think that, but certainly the article leads me to believe they did).

"Apparently, it was something in my manner — I'm not sure what it is — that caused them to believe I can't be fair," he said. "I think they need a sense that the system is clean much more than I need to hear the case."

The change will delay the case

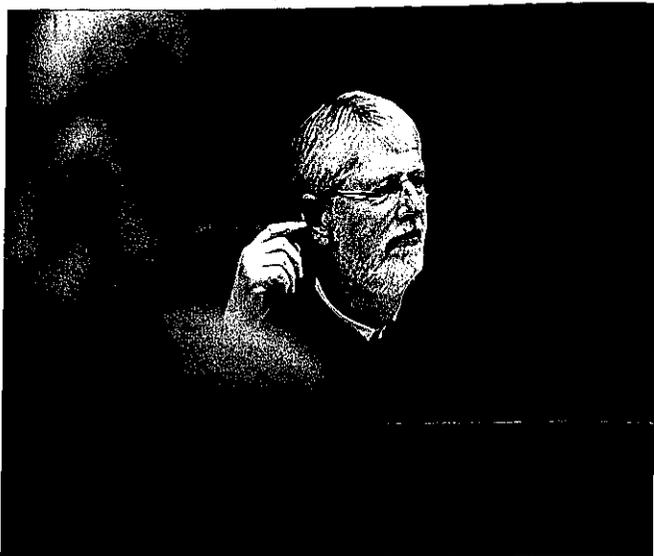


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie last week disqualified himself from a case after the defendant's family claimed his courtroom demeanor was "unprofessional and insulting."

by two weeks, with the preliminary exam continuing in Honley's courtroom Nov. 8.

Miller's family said they were satisfied with the judge's decision, adding that his joking around in the courtroom earlier was uncalled for. "The family didn't have any ill will toward the judge," said Tim Whiting, the husband of Natasha Miller's sister, Lisa. "But we were not happy

with his unprofessionalism."

Natasha Miller's mother, Lois Barney, said she is glad the case will be heard by a different district judge.

"Am I happy it's going in front of another judge? Yes. We all are," Barney said. "Not because we hold anything against (MacKenzie), because we don't. We just want this to go forward into the court and handled in the

manner that is should be handled.

"We're not talking about a traffic ticket or drugs or something. This is about my daughter's death," she said.

Anderson was arrested three days after Miller was found strangled and floating in the water in the Pool Lake State Recreation Area last April. He has not yet been bound over for trial.

The 23-year-old Commerce

resident was a friend of Miller, who lived with her family in Chilis Lake Estates in Milford.

Police say he confessed to strangling Miller with a hair ribbon. He has been in the Oakland County Jail since his arrest.

If convicted, Anderson faces up to life in prison.

## Old horses do learn new tricks; show educates, entertains horse enthusiasts

By Jennifer Sullivan  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

Nancy Harm's Arabian horse, Harmony Tarifa, is proud that even old horses can learn new tricks.

Harm and Tarifa will be on hand at the North American Horse Spectacular Nov. 10-12 at the Rock Financial Showplace. The all-needs horse expo features

demonstrations, seminars and more than 250 vendor booths.

Harm, a Salem Township resident, began trick training only four years ago, after Tarifa injured his feet.

"He was feeling down, so I taught him to fetch a small rubber cone toy," Harm said.

She said mastering his first trick required about 800 attempts,

but with patience, love and plenty of tasty treats, Tarifa mastered his first trick at age 15. Tarifa is now learning to distinguish different colors and letters (right now he is working on "H" and "T," his initials).

Harm, who has a background in educational psychology, said she applied the same principles used in preschool to teaching horses,

using positive reinforcement training to teach Tarifa more than 60 tricks.

One of the most impressive tricks is Tarifa's ability to paint. Although he has been painting for three years, Harm said Tarifa is now is beginning to actually choose his own colors. Harm is planning to raffie off one of his paintings at the expo.

Harm will be discussing the latest in animal research and how horses learn, 5-6 p.m. Nov. 10.

She'll give trick training demonstrations from 6-7 p.m. Nov. 11, and from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 12, she'll be talking to audiences about "despooking" horses and offering tips on participating in parades.

Tarifa will also rope a plastic

calf, bow to the audience and play basketball.

Admission to the North American Horse Spectacular is \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under, with a \$5 parking fee. For additional hours and information, call (800) 878-5131 or visit [www.horsespectacular.com](http://www.horsespectacular.com).



Family comes first — everybody knows it, especially IHA. That's why our comprehensive network of medical practices is designed to make life more convenient for southeastern Michigan families. From Family Medicine and Pediatric Care to Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Internal Medicine and more, IHA offers hundreds of the area's finest nurses and doctors — each known for their commitment to personalized service and open communication. We "integrate with your life" and pride ourselves on our ability to guide you to find the very best healthcare solutions for you and your family. An added plus: we accept nearly all health insurance plans. So pick the best — pick an IHA doctor today.

For more information about IHA visit [ihacores.com](http://ihacores.com) or contact:

- Ann Arbor OB/GYN Associates - Plymouth 734.414.1090
- Associates in Gynecology and Obstetrics - Brighton 810.844.7740
- Brighton Family Care 810.844.7700
- Child Health Associates - Plymouth 734.455.4600
- IHA Livingston Pediatrics 810.844.7774
- IHA Nurse-Midwives - Brighton 810.844.7740
- Pinckney Family Care 734.878.1000





# Hitchin' a ride south

## Novi family helps Monarch butterflies find their way home

By Holly Bowne  
SPECIAL WRITER

When Leslie and Terri Valenti planned their recent family trip to Graeceland in Memphis, Tennessee, they never anticipated who would be hitching a ride with them.

They left Oct. 18, accompanied by 63 monarch butterflies from Village Oaks Elementary School. The butterflies were carefully protected during the long ride by their daughters, second-grader Metta and her older sister Daniella.

The butterflies trip south was the product of creative problem-solving by Village Oaks staff

member Jane Funfgeld, who has been the coordinator of the school's monarch butterfly raising project for several years. Her mother, also a teacher, had raised monarchs for her own students back in the 1980s.

"We used to go out into the fields and look under milkweed leaves searching for caterpillar eggs," Funfgeld said.

No longer combing fields and searching under every leaf, Funfgeld placed an egg order via the Internet. In mid-September, 63 tiny monarch eggs were delivered to the school on two milkweed plants. She divided them into 21 cages, one for each classroom. Village Oaks students were

then given the opportunity to work as junior entomologists, observing and researching the complete metamorphosis — from butterfly egg to caterpillar, and from chrysalis to adult butterfly.

A problem developed, however, when the time came to release the newly hatched butterflies in mid-October. In previous years, Funfgeld would gather the students on the playground for a "monarch release," waving goodbye to the butterflies as they began a westward migration to their winter home in the mountains of Mexico.

"Monarchs can fly around 30 miles per day, if it's warm and sunny out," Funfgeld said. "But these past few weeks in October have been so cold, we couldn't release them."

For several days, while hoping the temperature would warm up, Funfgeld fed and cared for the 63 butterflies every evening. She fed each butterfly one at a time, using a coated paper clip to uncoil its eyelash-like proboscis (think of a butterfly-sized drinking straw) onto a sugar-water soaked napkin so that it could drink.

"They stayed put while they were eating, but some of the butterflies were getting strong enough to fly, so as soon as they were done they'd start flying



Two Monarch butterflies which recently found their way home, thanks to a Novi family.

around the room," Funfgeld said. "I'd have to catch them and put them back into their cages."

As days passed, she knew time was running out. The butterflies needed to get out of Michigan before the frost hit if they were going to survive. She began asking fellow staff members if they knew any families heading south on vacation.

The Valenti family was heading to Graeceland.

Seven-year-old Mattea Valenti and her family already had their motor home loaded up for the Graeceland trip when Funfgeld contacted them. The Valentis were excited to give the monarchs a head start on their migration. So, she delivered the butterflies the

night before they left.

"We left at 4 a.m. because we wanted to get the butterflies as close to Tennessee as possible before sundown," Louie Valenti said. "We knew they needed to be released within 24 hours so they could eat."

Driving carefully and avoiding potholes, the family drove southwest, finally stopping next to a cotton field in Arkansas. "As the sun was just dipping down, we pulled out the two butterfly cages. We counted down, lifted the lids, and sent them on their way!"

Valenti said. "They all came fluttering out like doves out of a birthday cake. And none of them died."

**"We knew they needed to be released within 24 hours so they could eat."**

Louie Valenti  
Resident, Novi

Valentis headed south, videotaping the release to share with students back at Village Oaks. "It was such a cool experience," Valenti said.



Submitted Photos

Novi residents Terri Valenti, middle, and her daughters, Metta, left and her sister Daniella, helped Monarch butterflies head south during a recent family vacation.

# great fall sale

FALL JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER  
**extra 25% off**  
already-reduced sportswear,  
dresses and suits for her,  
sportswear for him and  
sportswear for kids,  
total savings 40% to 60%

And more savings storewide.  
20% to 50% off the styles you want.

now through sunday  
take an extra 15% off

Sale merchandise  
when you use your  
Lord & Taylor credit card



Don't have a credit card?  
Open one in minutes, get an  
additional 15% off  
your first purchase  
including credit cards and bank cards.



LORD & TAYLOR  
THE SIGNATURE OF AMERICAN FASHION

\*Offer ends Sunday, November 5th. Includes regular-price Grant Thomas merchandise. 15% discount on men's suits, suit separates & sportcoats. Excludes: BRAND, NAMES: All Kids Studio, BC28/BC26 Max Azria, Marc by Marc Jacobs, Vivocal, Tank, Maresi Schurman and Pappas; our exclusive Dandi puppy. DEPARTMENTS: Ladies' cashmere, departmental cosmetics, fragrances, beauty accessories, Best Buy's watches, Moschino Collection, special event promotions and designer jewelry in Fine Jewelry, Beauty Salon, restaurants, alterations & gift cards. Cannot be combined with Savings Passes or Coupons. Not valid on prior purchases. Bonus savings % applied to reduced prices. Not valid on telephone or internet orders, or on Layaway. Sale ends Tuesday, November 7th, except for clearance items to be announced. Savings off original and regular prices. No adjustments to prior sale purchases. Selected collections; not every style in every store. Subject to normal credit approval; some exclusions apply. See your Sales Associates for details. Our regular and original prices are offering prices only and may or may not have resulted in sales. Advertiser merchandise may be available at sale prices in upcoming sale events. Change it with your Lord & Taylor Credit Card. We also accept American Express, MasterCard, Visa and the Discover Card. For the Lord & Taylor location nearest you, please visit our website at lordandtaylor.com. Or call 1-800-222-7440 any day, any time.



Does your checking  
account pay you?

**3.00% APY**  
interest on balances of \$1,000 or more

Our Classic Checking account pays you 3.00% APY\* interest on any balance of \$1,000 or more.

It's like having a money market account—but with the freedom to move your money however & whenever you please.

And speaking of freedom, Classic Checking gives unlimited check writing.

- FREE Online Bill Pay
- NO Monthly Service Fees\*\*
- FREE Access To Over 2,000 ATMs

<b>Troy</b> 1917 E. Big Beaver 248-619-0264	<b>Livonia</b> 18770 Farmington Rd. 248-442-9650
<b>Novi</b> 21211 Haggerty Rd. 248-380-6590	<b>Farmington Hills</b> 28300 Orchard Lake Rd. 248-538-2546

**Wixom**  
28345 Beck Rd.  
248-468-0205

www.mheritage.com



MICHIGAN HERITAGE  
Bank

Member FDIC Equal Housing Lender  
\*APY Annual Percentage Yield. The actual APY will vary based on the amount of money deposited and the length of time the money is deposited. \*\*Monthly service fee of \$1.00 for accounts with no other services. See website for details.

That's our special offer.

# Free CPR class offered at Novi's Providence Hospital

## Two-hour CPR class open to all ages Nov. 11

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Diane Talbot knows firsthand that performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation may be the difference between life and death.

If someone is having a heart attack and can't get to the hospital right away, performing CPR is really the only option. "It really does save lives," said Talbot, a paramedic for Community EMS in Southfield. "I can't spout statistics, but the more someone can keep oxygen in the person's blood, the chances are much better that when we get there, there's a better outcome."

Area residents can learn CPR at the free 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, CPR Awareness Day at Providence Park Hospital in Novi at Back Road and Grand River Avenue.

The event sponsored by the Life Support Training Institute in Southfield, will take place in the conference rooms near the southeast entrance of the hospital off Back Road.

### Emergency Warning Signs

Here are some warning signs of a medical emergency:

- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Chest or upper abdominal pain or pressure
- Fainting
- Sudden dizziness
- Weakness or change in vision
- Confusion or change in mental status
- Sudden, severe pain
- Bleeding that won't stop
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Coughing or vomiting blood
- Sudden or homicidal feelings



Source: American College of Emergency Physicians

Attendees will receive a participation certificate. Those who take the class will learn how to perform CPR on adults and infants, the Heimlich maneuver that can be used to help a choking victim and what to do in medical emergencies.

"We want to get people thinking about what to do, so there's not that panicking going on, which wastes a lot of time," Pryricki said. "We can do a lot of things on the ambulance now that can save people's lives — even more than just five-10 years ago."

The class will also include a demonstration on the automatic external defibrillator.

"Those are now in churches, the airport, at malls and other big places where lots of people go," Pryricki said.

Anyone can use a defibrillator on someone without fear of a lawsuit under the Good Samaritan Law, according to Pryricki.

"People are going to see how easy they are to use," she said.

Debra Yake, another event organizer, from the Life Support



Community EMS paramedics Steve Kalbesa, left, and Andy Heyniger demonstrate a CPR technique on a dummy at their Southfield headquarters. On Nov. 11, Community will be offering CPR demonstrations at Providence Hospital in Novi.

"It really does save lives."

Diane Talbot  
Community EMS paramedic

Training Institute, said the class was scheduled in Novi after the training firm sponsored a successful turnout at the same class in Northville last time.

Instructors volunteer their time for the two-hour class.

An ambulance with crew will also be available for those if anyone wants to take an up-close look at some of the latest in on-board medical emergency technology.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached on (248) 349-7702, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

### How to sign up

Area residents may sign up for the free 2-4 p.m. Nov. 11 CPR Awareness Day at Providence Hospital in Novi by calling the Life Support Training Institute in Southfield at (248) 304-6655. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. No food will be provided at the event, but water will be available for participants.

### Did you know?

• About 75-80 percent of all out-of-hospital

cardiac arrests happen at home. • Effective CPR doubles the chance of a victim's chance of survival. • About 95 percent of people die before reaching the hospital. • Brain death starts to occur four minutes after someone experiences cardiac arrest. CPR and defibrillation occurs during this time.

"We want to get people thinking about what to do, so there's not that panicking going on ..."

Michelle Pryricki  
CPR Class Director

### She's a 10-year veteran of CEMS

A 10-year veteran of Community EMS, Talbot served as a medic in the U.S. Army before she joined the local ambulance service. She now serves as quality improvement manager.

And, she noted, even "sloppy" CPR is better than nothing.

"Bad CPR is better than no CPR," she said.

She remembers a man in his 60s who survived a heart attack because CPR was performed on him.

Michelle Pryricki, one of the organizers of the Nov. 11 event, said several have already signed up for the class.

"I got five calls just last night," she said.



BECAUSE IF THE *future's* MY RESPONSIBILITY, I WANT *to be ready* FOR IT

Why Catholic schools? Because they provide a safe, nurturing environment, a strong curriculum, daily lessons in morals and values, and the skills children need to succeed. In fact, 99% of our students graduate from high school and 98% go on to college. Help your child reach the next level — intellectually and spiritually.

**Catholic Schools**  
Teaching Minds. Reaching Hearts.  
www.aodschools.org

Now is the time to start planning for next year.

Contact the Archdiocese of Detroit at 877-AOD-TEACH for information on upcoming Catholic high school open houses, high school placement tests and tuition assistance.

**Falling Star Merlot**  
Malbec, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon  
\$4.99

**Joe's Produce**  
Michigan's Finest

**Oberon Merlot**  
\$22.99

**Joe's November Specials!**

Florida Grape Tomatoes <b>99¢</b>	California Head Lettuce <b>69¢</b>	McIntosh Apples <b>89¢</b>
Kitchen Basics <b>2/\$5.00</b>	Joe's Homemade Pies <b>\$3.59</b>	Bear Creek Soups <b>\$3.99</b>
Kalamazoo Brewing All In-Stock Varieties <b>\$8.99</b>	Jarlsberg Sliced Swiss Cheese <b>\$5.99</b>	Wychwood Hobgoblin <b>\$3.99</b>
Joe's Homemade Applesauce <b>\$1.99</b>	Academy Barilla Cheddar Cheese <b>\$12.99</b>	Joe's Zesty Rotini Salad <b>\$4.99</b>
Edy's Family Favorite Ice Cream <b>2/\$6.00</b>	Mulling Spices <b>\$2.49</b>	Edy's Dibs or Fruit Bars <b>2/\$6.00</b>

**Byrd's Choice Meats!**

Choice Boneless Sirloin Steaks	\$5.98
Shredded Center Cut Pork Roast or Chop	\$9.49
Stuffed with Our Homemade Stuffing	
Frozen Ground Round Patties	20¢ OFF

3066 W. Seven Mile • Livonia 248-478-3880

Shop at **Joe's Produce**... for a wide selection of fresh fruits and vegetables. Joe's also offers a variety of domestic and imported wines and cheeses. Joe appreciates all his loyal customers for shopping with us during the renovating & construction. We will be open our normal business hours. Stop by and visit us.

Hours: Mon-Sat. 9am to 7pm and Sundays 10am to 5pm  
Prices Good Through November 6, 2006

**Joe's Produce**  
33151 W. Seven Mile • Livonia, MI 48152 www.joesproduce.com (248) 477-4331



Novi Police officers and Novi Rotary members gather last Thursday to honor former Novi Police Chief Lee BeGole at a luncheon that touched on his decades of community service.

## First Novi police chief BeGole shares city's past ghost stories Rotarians hail longtime servant

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Lee BeGole may not be Novi's chief of police anymore, but he can still tell a good ghost story. And tell them he did during the Oct. 26 Novi Rotary Club meeting at the United Methodist Church on Ten Mile Road.

Although BeGole, 86, was recuperating at home following recent hernia surgery, Rotarian president Todd Lockhart was able to bring at least his voice to the group.

Lockhart set up a speaker phone during the club's annual Halloween meeting so BeGole could spin some spooky yarns for attendees.

Rotarians also presented a distinguished service award to their fellow member BeGole at the meeting. He will receive it at the next meeting, he attended.

Julie Ward, formerly of Novi, said she'd known BeGole since she was a teenager working for her brother at Novi Pizzeria.

"He and all of his guys used to come in and chitchat and have something to eat," she said.

She and BeGole even share the same July 4 birthday.

"He was the pillar of Novi," Ward said. "Everybody knew Lee, and he was well-liked."

Judy Ward  
Former Novi Resident

BeGole said one Sunday about midnight during his first or second month on the job, he heard the bell in the Methodist Church ring.

BeGole looked inside the church and in the dim light saw a small figure walking up the aisle. He woke up Frazer Station, former township supervisor.

Station said, "That's Maria. She takes care of the church, and cleans the bell rope every Saturday night."

The story goes that even after she died, officers would hear the church bell ring sometime on Saturday nights.

"After that, every time that bell would ring, within a day or two, somebody we knew had died," BeGole said.

Northville High pranksters

The second ghost story BeGole told was about a call to the Novi police from Northville police years ago.

A couple returning to Northville after an evening in Detroit reported seeing a funeral procession emerging from a small cemetery at Eight Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

"They said they saw the procession carrying a coffin," BeGole said.

Novi police officers went down to investigate but found nothing.

A few nights later, there was a similar call. Again, Novi police responded and found no funeral procession.

Then, one late October night, Novi officers decided to check out the cemetery a third time and saw a slim glow in the cemetery and a funeral procession — figures dressed in ragged clothes carrying a coffin.

The officers rushed from their squad car and found a cardboard coffin and learned that a group of Northville High School seniors had fooled them all.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

### Church bells are ringing...

BeGole said one Sunday about midnight during his first or second month on the job, he heard the bell in the Methodist Church ring.

BeGole looked inside the church and in the dim light saw a small figure walking up the aisle. He woke up Frazer Station, former township supervisor.

Station said, "That's Maria. She takes care of the church, and cleans the bell rope every Saturday night."

The story goes that even after she died, officers would hear the church bell ring sometime on Saturday nights.

"After that, every time that bell would ring, within a day or two, somebody we knew had died," BeGole said.

Northville High pranksters

The second ghost story BeGole told was about a call to the Novi police from Northville police years ago.

A couple returning to Northville after an evening in Detroit reported seeing a funeral procession emerging from a small cemetery at Eight Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

"They said they saw the procession carrying a coffin," BeGole said.

Novi police officers went down to investigate but found nothing.

A few nights later, there was a similar call. Again, Novi police responded and found no funeral procession.

Then, one late October night, Novi officers decided to check out the cemetery a third time and saw a slim glow in the cemetery and a funeral procession — figures dressed in ragged clothes carrying a coffin.

The officers rushed from their squad car and found a cardboard coffin and learned that a group of Northville High School seniors had fooled them all.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

BeGole said one Sunday about midnight during his first or second month on the job, he heard the bell in the Methodist Church ring.

BeGole looked inside the church and in the dim light saw a small figure walking up the aisle. He woke up Frazer Station, former township supervisor.

Station said, "That's Maria. She takes care of the church, and cleans the bell rope every Saturday night."

The story goes that even after she died, officers would hear the church bell ring sometime on Saturday nights.

"After that, every time that bell would ring, within a day or two, somebody we knew had died," BeGole said.

Northville High pranksters

The second ghost story BeGole told was about a call to the Novi police from Northville police years ago.

A couple returning to Northville after an evening in Detroit reported seeing a funeral procession emerging from a small cemetery at Eight Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

"They said they saw the procession carrying a coffin," BeGole said.

Novi police officers went down to investigate but found nothing.

A few nights later, there was a similar call. Again, Novi police responded and found no funeral procession.

Then, one late October night, Novi officers decided to check out the cemetery a third time and saw a slim glow in the cemetery and a funeral procession — figures dressed in ragged clothes carrying a coffin.

The officers rushed from their squad car and found a cardboard coffin and learned that a group of Northville High School seniors had fooled them all.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

BeGole said one Sunday about midnight during his first or second month on the job, he heard the bell in the Methodist Church ring.

BeGole looked inside the church and in the dim light saw a small figure walking up the aisle. He woke up Frazer Station, former township supervisor.

Station said, "That's Maria. She takes care of the church, and cleans the bell rope every Saturday night."

The story goes that even after she died, officers would hear the church bell ring sometime on Saturday nights.

"After that, every time that bell would ring, within a day or two, somebody we knew had died," BeGole said.

Northville High pranksters

The second ghost story BeGole told was about a call to the Novi police from Northville police years ago.

A couple returning to Northville after an evening in Detroit reported seeing a funeral procession emerging from a small cemetery at Eight Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

"They said they saw the procession carrying a coffin," BeGole said.

Novi police officers went down to investigate but found nothing.

A few nights later, there was a similar call. Again, Novi police responded and found no funeral procession.

Then, one late October night, Novi officers decided to check out the cemetery a third time and saw a slim glow in the cemetery and a funeral procession — figures dressed in ragged clothes carrying a coffin.

The officers rushed from their squad car and found a cardboard coffin and learned that a group of Northville High School seniors had fooled them all.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

BeGole said one Sunday about midnight during his first or second month on the job, he heard the bell in the Methodist Church ring.

BeGole looked inside the church and in the dim light saw a small figure walking up the aisle. He woke up Frazer Station, former township supervisor.

Station said, "That's Maria. She takes care of the church, and cleans the bell rope every Saturday night."

The story goes that even after she died, officers would hear the church bell ring sometime on Saturday nights.

"After that, every time that bell would ring, within a day or two, somebody we knew had died," BeGole said.

Northville High pranksters

The second ghost story BeGole told was about a call to the Novi police from Northville police years ago.

A couple returning to Northville after an evening in Detroit reported seeing a funeral procession emerging from a small cemetery at Eight Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

"They said they saw the procession carrying a coffin," BeGole said.

Novi police officers went down to investigate but found nothing.

A few nights later, there was a similar call. Again, Novi police responded and found no funeral procession.

Then, one late October night, Novi officers decided to check out the cemetery a third time and saw a slim glow in the cemetery and a funeral procession — figures dressed in ragged clothes carrying a coffin.

The officers rushed from their squad car and found a cardboard coffin and learned that a group of Northville High School seniors had fooled them all.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

BeGole said one Sunday about midnight during his first or second month on the job, he heard the bell in the Methodist Church ring.

BeGole looked inside the church and in the dim light saw a small figure walking up the aisle. He woke up Frazer Station, former township supervisor.

Station said, "That's Maria. She takes care of the church, and cleans the bell rope every Saturday night."

The story goes that even after she died, officers would hear the church bell ring sometime on Saturday nights.

"After that, every time that bell would ring, within a day or two, somebody we knew had died," BeGole said.

Northville High pranksters

The second ghost story BeGole told was about a call to the Novi police from Northville police years ago.

A couple returning to Northville after an evening in Detroit reported seeing a funeral procession emerging from a small cemetery at Eight Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

"They said they saw the procession carrying a coffin," BeGole said.

Novi police officers went down to investigate but found nothing.

A few nights later, there was a similar call. Again, Novi police responded and found no funeral procession.

Then, one late October night, Novi officers decided to check out the cemetery a third time and saw a slim glow in the cemetery and a funeral procession — figures dressed in ragged clothes carrying a coffin.

The officers rushed from their squad car and found a cardboard coffin and learned that a group of Northville High School seniors had fooled them all.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

# GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

## ITC Holdings president announces \$40M corporate project

### Company digs in: We're staying in Novi

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Joe Welch, CEO and president of electricity company ITC Holdings Corp. in Novi, can't believe how much his firm has grown.

Just three years ago, the electricity company was in an office at Orchard Place business park at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. At an Oct. 26 news conference, Welch announced the firm's new headquarters to be built on the west side of Haggerty Road just south of 12 Mile Road.

"We're really excited about this. This is really a mammoth event for us as a company."

Jap Welch  
President and CEO, ITC Holdings

Welch said. "We're pushing well past 400 people now working for ITC and its subsidiaries," Welch said.

He said the company has enjoyed working with its "partners" — the city of Novi — on the expansion project.

"I want to truly thank them from the bottom of my heart for all the things they've done with us to get us to the point where we can get this building going," Welch said.

The firm plans to break ground in early 2007.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, her husband, Victor, planning commission chair, David Landry, city of Novi mayor, Clay Pearson, city manager, and Barb McElbain, director of planning came to congratulate the firm.

Proud day for city of Novi

"The one word that sums up the feeling of the city of Novi (on this project) is pride," Landry said. "ITC has experienced tremendous growth and success."

Landry is pleased the firm

decided to stay and place its permanent roots in Novi. "To see one of your own grow, mature, expand and assume a dominant role in its industry, the feeling for us is pride," he said. "This is extremely exciting. ITC is dominating the industry."

It's no question that the partnership between the city and this project could not have happened without the dedication of so many people working together," Nancy Cassis said.

She noted that the building was being constructed without public subsidies or tax abatements.

"It's an investment in the future of Michigan," she said. "This is going to bring reliable electricity to residents and businesses alike. Truly, what's going to bring back Michigan are people like Joe Welch who have the vision."

"The mayor and council have been very supportive with height changes (on Novi buildings). It's going to be a landmark, visible off M-5," Pearson said. "It's a great location and great company."

Two Farmington Hills firms are also involved in the expansion project. Gillett Associates Inc., is serving as the architect.

Landry is pleased the firm

several other nonprofit committees that have done a lot of studies that relate to Novi.

"We're going to look at going forward," Grubbs said. She added that business retention comes first.

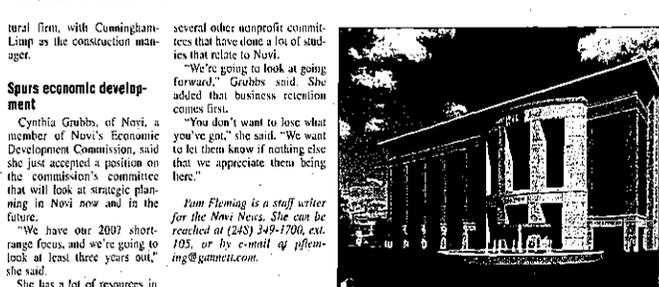
"You don't want to love what you've got," she said. "We want to let them know if nothing else that we appreciate them being here."

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

She has a lot of resources in forecasting and is working on



ITC Holdings CEO Joe Welch seals a development deal by shaking hands with City of Novi Mayor David Landry last Thursday. The Novi company plans to build its corporate headquarters on an 83-acre parcel it owns along Haggerty Road, south of 12 Mile Road.



ITC Holdings CEO Joe Welch seals a development deal by shaking hands with City of Novi Mayor David Landry last Thursday. The Novi company plans to build its corporate headquarters on an 83-acre parcel it owns along Haggerty Road, south of 12 Mile Road.

## Attention, investors: Best not to let a bad fund haunt you for long

By John Waggoner  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Halloween is approaching, and that means it's time to take a chain saw to your portfolio. Start with these funds that aren't very nice to you. These carve off a few members from your big winners and put them in that special place in the vault.

You can sell a mutual fund for any number of reasons: college tuition, a new car, a used brain. But sometimes good funds can turn bad, and it's best to get rid of them before they can do more damage to your portfolio.

Deciding a bad fund can be tricky. For example, the American Funds Growth Fund of America has lagged behind the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index by 1.3 percentage points the past 12 months, according to Morningstar.

Is that a good reason to bail the fund into the outer darkness?

Not really. The Growth Fund of America is a large-cap growth fund, which means it looks for stocks of large companies whose earnings should rise rapidly. The average large-cap growth fund has lagged behind the S&P 500 by 6.2 percentage points the past 12 months. So the Growth Fund of America has done pretty well, relatively speaking. You have to measure a fund's performance against similar funds.

Even if your fund has lagged for 12 months, you probably should wait a bit longer. FundAlama, a Web site that advises investors on when to sell a fund, gives a fund a three-alarm rating — its lowest — when the fund has lagged behind its benchmark the past 12 months, three years and five years.

The chart lists five funds that have \$1 billion or more in assets and have lagged behind the average fund in their Lipper category for the past 12 months, three years and five years. As if that weren't bad enough, these funds also have higher expenses than the average fund in their category.

High expenses are bad for several reasons. First, it's hard enough for a large-company portfolio manager to beat a comparable index, such as the S&P 500, by just 1 percentage point a year. If the fund is taking 2 percentage points a year in expenses, he has an enormous burden to overcome. The manager's stock picks will have to beat the S&P 500 by 3 percentage points before expenses to beat the index by 1 percentage point after expenses.

Size is less important to large-company stock funds. There's a lot of money to make for everyone.

Nevertheless, one has to wonder if true behemoths can continue to do well with such enormous asset bases. The Growth Fund of America, for example, has \$147

billion in its 11 different share classes, making it the biggest mutual fund in the galaxy.

By a remarkable coincidence, both funds' portfolios earn exactly 7 percent a year before expenses. After 30 years, you'll have \$66,000 in your account. Your neighbor will have \$43,000, because the difference was devoured by his fund's monster fees.

Other reasons to sell:

Size

If your fund invests in small-company stocks, size can be a big problem. By law, a fund can't buy more than 10 percent of a company's outstanding stock. Ten percent of a \$200 million stock is \$20 million. If your fund has \$1 billion in assets, a 20 million position would be just 2 percent of the fund's assets. Your manager would have to find dozens of good \$20 million positions to make a difference in performance — or, more likely, he would have to buy stocks of larger companies. And, in that case, you might not have a small-company stock fund anymore.

Size is less important to large-company stock funds. There's a lot of money to make for everyone.

Nevertheless, one has to wonder if true behemoths can continue to do well with such enormous asset bases. The Growth Fund of America, for example, has \$147

### Gains

Sometimes your fund will go on a rampage, rolling up enormous gains. Should you take profits? Yes, if your fund has grown to terrifying proportions in your portfolio. For example, you may have wanted to put 10 percent of your stock portfolio in small-company stock funds. If they've grown to 30 percent of

your holdings it might be a good time to carve off some gains to reinvest in an area that has lagged recently.

Needs

If you're retiring, you might not want a small-company growth fund at all.

In general, you should sell your losses before the end of the year. You can use your losses to offset any capital gains. If you have less, or left over, you can deduct \$3,000

### Needs

If you're retiring, you might not want a small-company growth fund at all.

In general, you should sell your losses before the end of the year. You can use your losses to offset any capital gains. If you have less, or left over, you can deduct \$3,000

from your income and carry the rest forward to the 2007 tax year.

If you have gains, most accountants recommend that you sell after the first of the year. You won't have to pay taxes on your gains until April 15, 2007.

Most fund companies give you the impression that selling a fund is a terrible, horrible thing. But you won't be chased by villagers with dogs and torches if you sell a bad fund. In fact, selling a rotten fund might be just the thing to reinvigorate your portfolio.

## Come to Citizens Bank's Community Celebration Days

**Join Us!**

Stop by Citizens Bank at:  
**49125 W. Grand River Ave.**  
near **Wixom Road**  
to celebrate with us.  
It's our way of saying,  
**"Thank You!"**

### CELEBRATION EVENTS

**November 2**  
Meet Your Citizens Bankers.  
4-7 p.m.  
Come in for light evening snacks and refreshments with the key managers.

**November 3**  
Tailgating in the Lobby  
Get ready for the game at Citizens Bank! Light snacks provided.

**November 4**  
Kids Count!  
Meet the Novi Fire Dept. 10 a.m. to Noon. Bring the kids for fun games, prizes and food.  
**Minor Account Special offer:**  
Open a minor savings account for your child and we'll direct deposit \$5\*

\*Offer only available on 18-46. One account per 1846. Parent or legal guardian must be present. No minimum deposit to open. All other normal account rules apply. Ask for details.

**CITIZENS BANK**

## 2006 SC430 Year End Savings

Luxury  
of  
**Choice**

RX 350  
**\$399\***

**LEXUS**  
ANN ARBOR  
(734) 996-1662  
(866) 645-3987  
www.lexusofannarbor.com

**LEXUS**  
LANSING  
(517) 394-8000  
(800) 539-8747  
www.lexusoflansing.com

Rates as low as **2.9%**  
on all certified pre-owned vehicles.  
See dealer for details at [www.lexus.com](http://www.lexus.com)

Thank you all for supporting Novi's Homecoming!

<p><b>Families Who Hosted</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elmhurst</li> <li>The Book Family</li> <li>The Gardner Family</li> <li>The Fahome Family</li> <li>The Jirach Family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Lawrence</li> <li>Kathy Miller</li> <li>Ken Jeng</li> <li>Kevin Suberband</li> <li>Lee Lison</li> <li>Marci Smith</li> <li>Maryanne Wiatkys</li> <li>Nick Wilson</li> <li>Peggy Keavin</li> <li>Peter Olson</li> <li>Randy Gavel</li> <li>Roberta Lemieux</li> <li>Ruth Dietz</li> <li>Sam Ferns and his crew</li> <li>Sandra Kern</li> <li>Shannon Hatley</li> <li>Shelley Sherman</li> <li>Sue Cline</li> <li>Suzanne Scarpone</li> <li>Suzanne Schirmer</li> <li>Susan Davison</li> <li>Terri Cordes</li> <li>The Burns Family</li> <li>The Capello Family</li> <li>The Chandler Family</li> <li>The Cooke Family</li> <li>The Colacino Family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cris Family</li> <li>The DeCarlo Family</li> <li>The Duster Family</li> <li>The Eibel Family</li> <li>The Favorite Family</li> <li>The Ferris Family</li> <li>The Figurski Family</li> <li>The Glaver Family</li> <li>The Hillbreth Family</li> <li>The Kaminski Family</li> <li>The Jace Family</li> <li>The Lenz Family</li> <li>The LeFaire Family</li> <li>The Mencia Family</li> <li>The Muncie Family</li> <li>The Murphy Family</li> <li>The Parker Family</li> <li>The Poirer Family</li> <li>The Quinley Family</li> <li>The Reid Family</li> <li>The Redle Family</li> <li>The Stack Family</li> <li>The Spicchi Family</li> <li>The Spys Family</li> <li>The Tackenberg Family</li> <li>The Turek Family</li> <li>Class Squares</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marci Abel</li> <li>Shelia Ebel</li> <li>Kate Hartley</li> <li>Brian Langley</li> <li>Bren Meyer</li> <li>Zara Schuck</li> <li>Kristina Stephano</li> <li>Nicole Tabin</li> </ul>
---	--	--	--

\*Business Donors: DSW of Farmington, Burger King, CJ's Landscaping, Donohoe's Pizzas, Honeycreek, JMC Landscaping, Lolo's Cakes, Lawrence's Cakes Mill, Pizzeria Marcelino, Suburban Jeep, McDonald's 10 Mile Rd., Timberlane True Value, Varsity Lincoln Mercury

## HOLIDAY ART FAIR

32ND ANNUAL

**Saturday, Nov.**

# NOVI EDUCATION

## CLASS NOTES

### Board of Education

The meeting will be held tonight, at 7:30 p.m., at Parkview Elementary.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Kindergarten through Fourth Grade conferences will be held Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1-4 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Students will have early dismissal on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

### Market Day

Orchard Hills Elementary will hold Market Day on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Deerpark Elementary will hold their Market Day on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 4-5 p.m.

### High School Talent Show

The talent show will be on Friday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. Enjoy an evening of unique and various talents performed by high school students that have auditioned to be able to participate in this program.

### Parent Information Nights

Jane Hesse, the Kindergarten through 12 Director of Curriculum and Assessment, will host meetings during the school year relating to curriculum, assessment, and testing in Novi. The schedule of topics, dates and time is as follows: Assessment Literacy-Assessment of and for Learning, Nov. 13 at 6-7 p.m. or 7:15-8:15 p.m.; Examining Student Work-What is the evidence of learning? Feb. 7 at 6-7 p.m. or 7:15-8:15 p.m.; Learning Growth-Reflecting and Planning the Next Steps for your Child, March 26 at 6-7 p.m. or 7:15-8:15 p.m. All meetings will be held in the ITC Building, in the Forum.

### 2005 Novi High Grad Honored

Jennifer Rowe was recently honored at a luncheon held at the Michigan League, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Jennifer was one of four students selected by the Margaret Waterman Alumni Group for her interest in the field of science, as well her current study and research of animals.



Photo by JOHN HEDER/Novi News

### Halloween for sale!

Deerpark students Patrick Wilson, left, and Noah Walter team up to sell their cut-out pumpkins during last week's "Halloween Math Store" event.

**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 06-104.06**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 06-104.06, amending the City Code, Chapter 21, Nuisances, with regard to wheel control.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 23, 2006 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK  
(11-2-06 NN 320481)

**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 06-120.09**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 06-120.09, amending the City Code, Chapter 20, Massage, to amend the process for the review and approval of Massage Business licenses and permits to provide administrative review and approval of these applications.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 23, 2006 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK  
(11-2-06 NN 320457)

**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 06-157.03**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 06-157.03, amending the City Code, Chapter 31, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Passes, to allow certain improvements within such property subject to the applicant signing a license agreement.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 23, 2006 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK  
(11-2-06 NN 320453)

**NOTICE  
CITY OF NOVI  
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
BECK ROAD SCOPING STUDY**

The City of Novi Engineering Division will be conducting a public information meeting on November 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, for the Beck Road Scoping Study project. The purpose of this meeting is to present and discuss a detailed set of alternatives for improving Beck Road from Eight Mile Road to Grand River Avenue. Engineering Division staff and the City's consultant will discuss the proposed alternatives and receive public comments in regards to these alternatives. The input received from the meeting, as well as from the meeting previously held on October 24th, will be included in the study's final report and taken into account when final recommendations are developed and presented to City Council for future action. If unable to attend, written comments may be directed to Rob Hayes, City Engineer, by mail at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48075 or by email to [RobHayes@novi.org](mailto:RobHayes@novi.org).

ROB HAYES, CITY ENGINEER  
(10-19-06 & 11-2-06 NN 318499)

**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 06-82.06**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 06-82.06, amending the City Code, Chapter 28, Soil, Article II, Segmentation Control, to comply with recent amendments to state law regarding right-of-way entry and inspection, residential properties, and maintenance requirements.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 23, 2006 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK  
(11-2-06 NN 320466)

**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 06-42.2**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 06-42.2, amending the City Code, Chapter 24, Outdoor Gatherings, to amend the process for the review and approval of Outdoor Gathering permits to provide administrative review and approval of these applications.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 23, 2006 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK  
(11-2-06 NN 320458)

Platinum Winner  
Northville-Novi Branch  
American Association of University Women  
Vote No on Proposal 2  
Don't Be Fooled  
Proposal 2 is bad for you!  
For The Reasons Why:  
[www.oneunitedmichigan.org](http://www.oneunitedmichigan.org)

**Lose Weight for Life!**  
St. Mary Mercy Bariatric Center...a Minimal Surgical Approach to Treating Obesity

The St. Mary Mercy Bariatric Center offers weight loss surgery, performed laparoscopically, resulting in minimal pain - less scarring - shorter hospitalization and recovery time.

Gain control of your health and prolong your life!

- Team approach to treatment and care
- Specialty trained registered nurses, dietitians, behavioral specialists and exercise physiologists.

**WHY WEIGHT?**  
Learn more at one of our FREE educational seminars:  
November 15 - December 20  
6:30 pm - St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium  
Meet Dr. Zentl and the Program Director  
Call 734.655.2692 to register NOW!

Tallal Zentl, MD, Bariatric Center Director  
Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery  
• Fellowship, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, Chicago, IL  
• Experienced in advanced laparoscopic gastric bypass surgical techniques  
Paula Magid, Bariatric Program Director  
• Program Manager of the Year Award - 2004  
• A post-op patient happy to share her experience

**Now It Comes With A List Of Ingredients.**

A short new report from your water supplier will tell you what's in your tap water. Look for your report and read it. When it comes to your drinking water, the most important ingredient is you.

**SEPA Drinking Water. Know What's In It For You.**  
Call your water supplier or the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. Or visit [www.epa.gov/epawater/](http://www.epa.gov/epawater/)

**REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES**

**A Public Service of the USDA Forest Service and Your State Forester.**

Ad Council

## Food allergies: Are you nuts?

Novi schools keep tabs on kids with allergies

By Renee Saunders  
STAFF WRITER

Janice Dzwietz has two kids with allergies. Her 12-year-old daughter is allergic to sulfita, found in certain medications, and her 10-year-old son has asthma.

Novi school officials know all about it — and not just because Dzwietz works for the district, mostly because her kids attend Novi schools.

Part of her job as a nona aide at Deerpark Elementary is to follow district guidelines, by helping kids with allergies and monitoring their food intake.

"My kids are very safe. I don't have a problem sending them out to school and I don't think they're in any danger," she said. "The rules are the same all throughout the district."

According to district policy, students who have allergies requiring Epi Pens and inhalers carry those items with them throughout the day. Temperature-sensitive medications are held for the student at school offices, said JoAnn Clements, Novi School District director of nutrition and food services.

Teachers are also aware of who has allergies in their classrooms, she said.

Clements said school officials pay extra attention to children with food and other allergies at the elementary age, but as kids get to their pre-teen and teen years, the watchful eyes of their daytime supervisors are more relaxed.

"Once kids reach the middle school and high school ages, they're able to control their own eating habits," she said. "Once they reach that point they prefer to monitor themselves."

In the district's elementary schools, students who have peanut and other food allergies sit at "peanut-free" tables.

Richard Njus, principal at Deerpark, said non-allergic kids sit there too, but only if they buy lunch at school that day, because school lunches are allergen-free.

The district also has electronic safeguards for kids with food allergies.

"Once kids reach the middle school and high school ages, they're able to control their own eating habits."

JoAnn Clements  
Director of Nutrition and Food Services, Novi School District

Cafeteria cash registers in the elementary schools include a database listing who has allergies and who can't eat certain foods.

Carol Myers, cafeteria cashier at Deerpark, said most kids know what they can and can't eat, and follow the rules.

But, she said some students, particularly those whose parents prefer them to not eat meat for cultural and religious reasons, sometimes try to sneak a slice of pepperoni pizza.

Even though the child might not be allergic to such an item, Myers stops the purchase.

"I think they want to try (meat) to see what it's like," she said. "I have to tell them that they're not supposed to have it."

Not every district in Michigan pays as close attention to kids' eating habits as Novi does, but a Macomb County state senator has introduced legislation requiring all Michigan districts to develop a policy to accommodate children with allergies.

Sen. Michael Switalski (D-Roseville), said some constituents told him their child's school didn't have an allergy policy or a uniform way of handling kids with allergies.

"It's the right thing to do," he said. "It's a good way of running government and letting the districts come up with their own policy."

Switalski said his bill is now being looked at by the state education committee. Though the law introduced a few months ago, he hopes it passes before the end of the year.

Renee Saunders can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 119, or via e-mail at [rsaunders@gennev.com](mailto:rsaunders@gennev.com)



Photo by JOHN HEDER/Novi News

Deerpark Elementary has a lunchroom table reserved for kids who are allergic to nut-based products, including peanut butter.

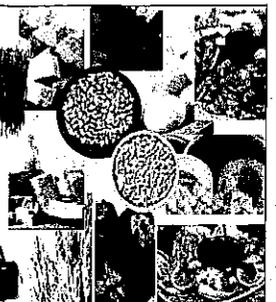
### Battling food bullies

• Turn the teaser on! A lot of teasers are looking for some kind of reaction from the person they are teasing. When the teasing starts, pretend that you don't hear it. Walk away or start talking to a friend.

• Tell the teaser how you feel and ask them to stop. This can be as simple as saying something like, "It makes me feel bad when you say things like that." Or, "Let's make a deal ... if you don't tease me, I won't tease you."

• Tell an adult. Many times teasing is stopped when an adult has a talk with the teaser.

• Remember, everyone gets teased at one point or another, whether they have food allergies or not. Do not let it upset you. If you are really bothered by it, talk to a parent, teacher, guidance counselor, or other trusted adult.



SOURCE: The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network

### Ways to Say No

- No, thank you
- I have food allergies, so I have to be careful about what I eat
- I can eat only snacks that my parents or teacher say are safe
- I am not hungry, thank you
- I am going to have a treat that is safe for me at home
- I am going to eat dinner with my family at home
- I'll take it home and ask my parents if it's safe for me to eat



"The rules are the same all throughout the district."

JoAnn Clements, Deerpark Elementary

SOURCE: The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network

The Blues Cruiser is coming to Novi to honor those celebrating their 65th birthday



The Blues Cruiser™ — a mobile information center from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is coming to:

**Twelve Oaks Mall**  
27500 Novi Road • Novi, MI 48377  
Monday, November 6 — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 7 — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
for those who have recently turned 65 and are eligible to enroll in a 2006 Medicare Advantage plan.

- Get information about the Blues' Medicare plans, including Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage
- Meet one-on-one with Blues product specialists to get your questions answered
- See an instructive presentation and visit the Medicare information station
- Leave with a clearer understanding of your Medicare Advantage choices
- You may also be able to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan if you are losing creditable coverage
- If you are unable to attend, please call 800-485-4415 to discuss alternative event locations

The Blues Cruiser provides full access for everyone, including visitors who are disabled or challenged by limited mobility. For accommodation of persons with special needs at sales meetings, please call 800-485-4415 (TTY 800-481-8704), 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Friday.

A sales representative will be present with information and applications.



Medicare Plus Blue™ is a private-fee-for-service plan with a Medicare contract.

For more information, visit: [www.bcbsm.com/medicare](http://www.bcbsm.com/medicare)

H2319 65AD 070506

**Honor Your Veteran or Service Person (Past or Present)**

Honor your veteran this Veteran's Day by including them in our Special Salute to be published in the Novi News on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Bring in your veteran's photo along with their name, branch of service & dates of service.

**\$40 Per Photo - Includes Full Color Deadline is Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006.**

*In Loving Memory*

**David Slocum**  
served 1956 - 1960  
U.S. Navy  
1937 - 2006

For reservation or more information Call  
**Lisa Tincu 248.349.1700**

Novi News  
104 W. Main Street  
Northville, MI 48167

# VOTERS: Get to work

continued from 1A  
for Michigan's economy and the security of the United States. What do Novi residents say? It's simple.

Michigan: "Jobs for the people who are unemployed."  
Nationally: "I want to make sure those tax cuts are permanent."

**Betsy Seach, 67**  
Novi

Michigan: "Canadian garbage — I hate the Canadian garbage."  
Nationally: "Jobs — the exporting of jobs overseas."

**Laurie Rankin, "50-ish"**  
Novi

Michigan: "The economy, just with the housing market, the jobs market."  
Nationally: "War — Never should have been there to begin with. It's a quagmire, another Vietnam."

**Michele McLachlan, 46**  
Novi

Michigan: "The economy is a great issue."  
Nationally: "I'm intrigued by the national debt."

**Ernest Arullo, 85**  
Novi

Michigan: "I think the economic situation within the state."  
Nationally: "Get something done in Iraq."

**Eva Dawn Arullo, 84**  
Novi

Michigan: "Anything to increase the job market."  
Nationally: "Resolution of the war in Iraq."

**Sue Colacchino, 58**  
Novi

Michigan: "The economy in Michigan. You just see the effects of a really all over the board, just while open and everybody's exiting."  
Nationally: "I think they have to come to some conclusion about the war."

**Patty Miller, 43**  
Novi

Michigan: "There's a law on the books that actually makes dating between teenagers a crime."  
Nationally: "Get Bush out of the White House."

Michigan: "Canadian garbage — I hate the Canadian garbage."  
Nationally: "Jobs — the exporting of jobs overseas."

**Laurie Rankin, "50-ish"**  
Novi

Michigan: "We're losing a ton of jobs."  
Nationally: "National security — We soon forget a lot of things that happened in the past."

**Faith Loney, 42**  
Novi

Michigan: "Illegal immigration is killing us. We need to protect our borders and our constitution."  
Nationally: "That's a no-brainer — Iraq. We're there, and we cannot get out, so we need to stabilize the area."

**Dick Stojinski, 67**  
Novi

Michigan: "Unemployment."  
Nationally: "Medicare and health care."

**Sandy Chalmers**  
Novi

Michigan: "Education. That's always the number one issue in my book."  
Nationally: "Protecting our people, with terrorism and the war in Iraq."

**Bill Barr, 78**  
Novi

Michigan: "Implementing the elimination of the Single Business Tax. That's the key to the economy in Michigan. It's an outrageous tax that penalizes businesses."  
Nationally: "The threat of worldwide terrorism."

**Hugh Crawford, 65**  
Novi

Michigan: "Jobs. The auto industry has always been our steak and potatoes. I'm in retail, and when the auto industry goes down, retail sales go down."  
Nationally: "The war in Iraq and terrorism. My husband was in Vietnam, and I understand the commitment to keeping America free."

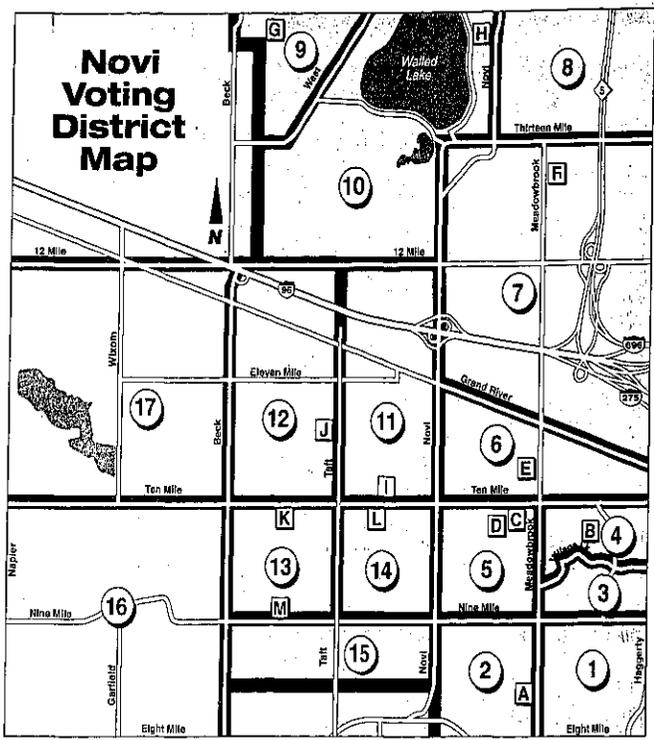
**Chris Wiecek**  
Novi

Michigan: "Jobs. The auto industry has always been our steak and potatoes. I'm in retail, and when the auto industry goes down, retail sales go down."  
Nationally: "The war in Iraq and terrorism. My husband was in Vietnam, and I understand the commitment to keeping America free."

**Chris Wiecek**  
Novi

Michigan: "Getting businesses in Michigan."  
Nationally: "Totally education."

**Muriel Martin, 72**  
Novi



- 1 A Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd.
- 2 A Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd.
- 3 B Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook Rd.
- 4 C Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Rd.
- 5 D Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince St.
- 6 E Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
- 7 E Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
- 8 F Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Rd.
- 9 G Portsmouth Apartments Clubhouse, 31170 Wellington Rd.
- 10 H Hickory Woods Elementary School, 30555 Novi Rd.
- 11 I Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 West Ten Mile Rd.
- 12 J Novi Meadows / ITC, 25299 Tati Rd.
- 13 K St. James Catholic Church, 46325 West Ten Mile Rd.
- 14 L Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.
- 15 M Holy Family Catholic Church, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.
- 16 N Thornlon Creek Elementary School, 46180 Nine Mile Rd.
- 17 O Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.

**"Jobs. The auto industry has always been our steak and potatoes. I'm in retail, and when the auto industry goes down, retail sales go down."**  
Nationally: "Resolving the war in Iraq and getting our guys home."  
**Mary Barbosa, 50**  
Novi

Michigan: "Either unemployment or the environment. We need to provide jobs and protect our wildlife and our land."  
Nationally: "The war in Iraq."  
**Jo Young, 57**  
Novi

Michigan: "The economy. Now we spend and give away a lot more. Maybe we should go back to the way it was in the 1950s. We don't have to be everything to everybody."  
Nationally: "Illegal immigration. There are a lot of jobs that should be going to Americans."  
**Mike Fiero, 59**  
Novi

Michigan: "The economy. Now we spend and give away a lot more. Maybe we should go back to the way it was in the 1950s. We don't have to be everything to everybody."  
Nationally: "Illegal immigration. There are a lot of jobs that should be going to Americans."  
**Jo Young, 57**  
Novi

Michigan: "Getting businesses in Michigan."  
Nationally: "Totally education."  
**Muriel Martin, 72**  
Novi

Michigan: "Increasing the number of jobs in Michigan to help the economy."  
Nationally: "Resolving the war in Iraq and getting our guys home."  
**Teri Taylor, 48**  
Novi

# Democrats make Oakland County inroads

## But Novi remains GOP stronghold

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

For years, Oakland County was spelled with a capital "R" in the dictionary of Michigan politics.

But with populations shifting and a slow of hot-button issues capturing the public's attention, the county has become less predictable politically. In the last three major elections, Oakland County has gone Democratic, although never in a landslide.

Novi, however, remains a GOP stronghold.

While Democrats Jennifer Granholm, John Kerry and Al Gore all eked out county-wide victories in recent years, they were felled in Novi by Republicans.

Granholm won Oakland County with 57.5 percent of votes in 2002, but was routed 56.2 percent to 42.9 percent in Novi by Republican Dick Posthumus.

President George Bush also won the city with more than 57 percent of the vote in 2000 and 2004.

"Democrats have been making inroads in top-of-the-ticket races (president, governor, U.S. senator) over the past decade or so (not so much in down-ballot races), primarily because of a population surge (largely African-American) by the city of Southfield and environs," Bill Balenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, wrote in an e-mail response.

"I find they are all willing to listen to me," she said, noting she probably would have received a frostier reception in years past.

Despite inroads by Democrats, the GOP still has considerable clout in the county, as evidenced by the close elections. And Republicans aren't surrendering Oakland, the state's second-most populous county. Michigan GOP Chairman Saul Anuzis said navigating the party base in places like Novi can be critical to winning tight races.

"I think the key in any election around the state is to get your vote out," he said.

Greg Migliore is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or gmigliore@gannett.com.

Novi has diverged from Oakland County voting patterns. While the Democratic candidates have run for public office, Novi remains solidly Republican.

**2004**  
Novi  
✓ Bush/Cheney ..... 57.24 %  
Kerry/Edwards ..... 41.94 %

**2002**  
Novi  
✓ Posthumus/Bennett ..... 56.22 %  
Granholm/Cherry ..... 42.85 %

**2000**  
Novi  
✓ Bush/Cheney ..... 57.34 %  
Gore/Lieberman ..... 40.27 %

**2004**  
Novi  
✓ Bush/Cheney ..... 48.13 %  
Gore/Lieberman ..... 49.33 %

Democrats of West Oakland County discuss the Nov. 7 election. From left: Jim Gaudoni, Mary Jane DuLyn, Marilena Krok and Karen Zyczynski.

Novi has diverged from Oakland County voting patterns. While the Democratic candidates have run for public office, Novi remains solidly Republican.

**2004**  
Novi  
✓ Bush/Cheney ..... 57.24 %  
Kerry/Edwards ..... 41.94 %

**2002**  
Novi  
✓ Posthumus/Bennett ..... 56.22 %  
Granholm/Cherry ..... 42.85 %

**2000**  
Novi  
✓ Bush/Cheney ..... 57.34 %  
Gore/Lieberman ..... 40.27 %

**2004**  
Novi  
✓ Bush/Cheney ..... 48.13 %  
Gore/Lieberman ..... 49.33 %

Novi has diverged from Oakland County voting patterns. While the Democratic candidates have run for public office, Novi remains solidly Republican.

**2004**  
Novi  
✓ Bush/Cheney ..... 57.24 %  
Kerry/Edwards ..... 41.94 %

**2002**  
Novi  
✓ Posthumus/Bennett ..... 56.22 %  
Granholm/Cherry ..... 42.85 %

**2000**  
Novi  
✓ Bush/Cheney ..... 57.34 %  
Gore/Lieberman ..... 40.27 %

**2004**  
Novi  
✓ Bush/Cheney ..... 48.13 %  
Gore/Lieberman ..... 49.33 %

Novi has diverged from Oakland County voting patterns. While the Democratic candidates have run for public office, Novi remains solidly Republican.

# Prop 1: Initiative will protect recreation funds

By Kristen Janney  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

Government involvement with the allocation of recreational funds is an issue that people will decide on Nov. 7.

Proposition 1 would amend the state Constitution to protect Department of Natural Resources funds. If adopted, it would require that money held in conservation and recreation funds only be used for their intended purposes.

The ballot also states that it will establish the current Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Nongame and Fish and Wildlife Fund within the Constitution.

"The initiative arose from concern that government would divert funds from specific recreation funds to manage a balanced budget."

An analysis written by the non-partisan, not-for-profit Citizens Research Council of Michigan (CRCM) reveals one incident when \$7.8 million of the Waterways Fund was used to support the state's

General fund.

Revenue currently collected through recreational activities such as snowmobiling, hunting, fishing or camping is ultimately available for government use. The proposal looks to combine individual DNR accounts into one large fund, the Michigan Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund.

Highland Conservancy President Mick Bell said he would like assurances that money spent on recreation programs will be used for its original intent.

According to the CRCM analysis, government benefits from the flexibility that allows them to use tax dollars where they are needed most. But he further contends that if funds are not used for their intended purposes, a hunter, for example would pay more in tax dollars toward the general fund than a non-hunter.

"Do we really need a constitutional amendment to allocate user fees to their intended purposes? Maybe in today's political climate we do. That's sad," Bell said.

Need a sample ballot? Click <http://ci.novi.mi.us/Government/Clerk/ElectionNotice.asp> Clip&Vote: Page 16A

# Prop 3: Initiative would allow dove hunting

By Kristen Janney  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

A game bird or a song bird? It will be up to Michigan voters to decide on Nov. 7.

If approved, Proposition 3 will make Michigan the 41st state to establish a hunting season for mourning doves.

Gabe Kish of the Gun Barn in Highland said he supports a season that is already legal in Michigan's surrounding states.

In 1905 legislation banned dove hunting in Michigan. The law was reversed in 2004 to establish a three-year trial period in six of Michigan's counties, he said.

"It's only an issue because of the type of people that have moved into the neighborhood. All these non-hunters," said Kish. "It's not the same place as it was 20 years ago."

According to Kish, doves are the most populated bird around. "They are a good size piece of meat, and they taste good, he said. "The only argument I heard from non-hunters is that 'they are cute little birds,' Kish said.

Michigan Humane Society members disagree. They, as others who are opposed to dove hunting, said that as the state's bird of peace, doves deserve protection. They say that doves are not overpopulated, not an agricultural pest and not a viable food source.

Barb Poland said it is evil the way people are teaching children it is okay to hunt doves. "I feel that it's target practice on a living creature," she said.

Poland is not opposed to hunting in general. She points out that there are many other birds that are larger and a more feasible food source to hunt. She added that doves are not a nuisance to society.

If enacted, Proposition 3 would require a mourning dove hunter to have a small game license and purchase a \$2 stamp.

Autumn Fox of the National Rifle Association said she believes a dove hunting season would add to the economical engine of the society.

Doves are said to be an easier target than most other animals. "It's a great way for new hunters to try hunting," Fox said.

# Potter, Clay vie for 8th District County Commission seat

By Alyson Iatt  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

Democrat Dan Clay is challenging Republican Jeff Potter for a two-year term as 8th District Oakland County Commissioner.

Potter, who served 13 years as mayor of South Lyon, is finishing his second term as commissioner for the 8th District, which includes South Lyon, Lyon Township, Walked Lake, Wixom and portions of Novi.

Clay, 53, holds a bachelor's of science degree in history with a minor in political science from Eastern Michigan University. He worked for 21 years in management at FedEx. For the past three years, he has worked as an equipment service employee for Northwest Airlines.

Clay said he became involved in politics recently after "seeing the pendulum swing too far to the right."

"There's just no moderation," he said. "If elected, Clay said, he will emphasize representation for all Oakland County residents.

"You want to make sure that all needs are taken care of equally in going about the county's business," he said.

Just oversteering is one of the county's most pressing issues, Clay said. Before spending millions to expand the jail, he said, commissioners should consider implementing drug rehabilitation and other programs to lower the crime rate.

Potter, 54, worked for 29 years at the Ford Motor Company's Wixom Assembly Plant. After taking a pre-retirement leave in June, he began working part-time as an environmental consultant.

When asked why voters should give him a third term, Potter pointed to his record of finding ways to save taxpayer money while delivering new projects.

"I'm a true believer in cooperation to save dollars, and it shows up in everything I do," he said.

Among his greatest accomplishments this term, Potter said, was securing county funding for the ring road in New Hudson and getting \$15 million in funding approved for the Wixom downtown traditional neighborhood development project.

As county commissioner, he chairs the Public Services Committee, which deals with courts and law enforcement.

Potter said the county plans to conduct a comprehensive study of jail overcrowding and look at alternatives before starting any building programs, since building programs are "extremely expensive."

"I'd say it's probably going to be our biggest challenge in the next two years," he said.

Both Clay and Potter live in South Lyon.

Clay said he became involved in politics recently after "seeing the pendulum swing too far to the right."

"There's just no moderation," he said. "If elected, Clay said, he will emphasize representation for all Oakland County residents.

"You want to make sure that all needs are taken care of equally in going about the county's business," he said.

Just oversteering is one of the county's most pressing issues, Clay said. Before spending millions to expand the jail, he said, commissioners should consider implementing drug rehabilitation and other programs to lower the crime rate.

Potter, 54, worked for 29 years at the Ford Motor Company's Wixom Assembly Plant. After taking a pre-retirement leave in June, he began working part-time as an environmental consultant.

When asked why voters should give him a third term, Potter pointed to his record of finding ways to save taxpayer money while delivering new projects.

"I'm a true believer in cooperation to save dollars, and it shows up in everything I do," he said.

# Prop 2: Affirmative action comes under fire

By Amalia Skirmin  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

If Proposal 2 is approved at the polls next month, Jennifer Gratz will finally have what she asked the Supreme Court for in 2003.

After being denied admittance to the University of Michigan in 1995, Gratz and another student who was denied admittance in 1997 filed a class action lawsuit against the school, asking for, among other things, an injunction prohibiting U-M from using race as a determinant in its admittance policy.

The case eventually worked its way up to the Supreme Court, which decided in a separate case (also related to U-M) that racial consideration in a school's admittance policy did not violate the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

U-M's admittance system, the Court decided in Gratz's lawsuit, took it too far. Ultimately, the verdict came down in favor of Gratz.

Now, Proposal 2, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, with Gratz as executive director, is asking voters to do what the Court did not: "An affirmative action program that gives preferential treat-

ment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes," by way of a constitutional amendment.

According to the MCRI website, Proposal 2 will not change the Supreme Court's decision because "The court only ruled that consideration of race in the university admission process was not barred by the equal protection clause of the U. S. Constitution, not that it was required."

"The people of the state of Michigan are entitled to set a higher standard for their own universities, if they choose," it stated. Calls to the MCRI were not returned.

Rebecca Meslin-Meslin, director of the Get Out the Vote office, which is run by the Oakland County National Organization for Women, sees problems with Proposal 2.

"Statistics show that white women have been helped more than any other group from affirmative action, such as an example. Before women entered the field, most heart disease research was conducted on white men, the same demographic as the researchers," she said. Through affirmative action for better education and better jobs, women were able to research heart disease in women. It was discovered that for women, heart attack symptoms can be completely different than in men.

"Women are still benefiting (from affirmative action)," Malotke-Meslin said. She also pointed out that affirmative action can benefit anyone, including men. Affirmative action helps people find opportunity in places they otherwise might be shut out; Malotke-Meslin offers men in the nursing field as an example.

Should it pass, Proposal 2 will not mean the end to affirmative action. While gender and race will no longer be permitted as affirmative action classifications, other classifications implying socio-economic disadvantage will still be allowed.

But to Malotke-Meslin, that's not enough. Without affirmative action, she fears things like closing the gender wage gap will become difficult.

# Proposal 4: Would restrict government use of eminent domain

By Kristen Janney  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court decided in a split 5-4 decision that government agencies could force homeowners and businesses to sell their privately-owned property for the purpose of economic development.

The court ruling, known as the Kelo Decision, was a case involving the city of New London, Conn., which condemned private property to be used as part of a redevelopment plan. The court saw the plan as a public benefit, therefore, a good reason to exercise eminent domain.

According to Grand Haven City Manager Pat McKinley, using eminent domain is sometimes necessary. Under a recent \$100 million development plan the city exerted eminent domain when one of 20 owners of contaminated property refused to sell. The growth of the city promised 600 jobs to a town of 11,000 people.

"It's not as harsh as it's made out to be. We're very sensitive to people's needs," McKinley said. The city paid indemnity for the property and also took responsibility for its relocating expenses.

Creating a large number of jobs in a small town is a public benefit and a compelling reason to use eminent domain, McKinley said.

Nothing referred to in the Kelo case of 1981, where the city condemned five square miles of land to build a new General Motors plant, which would extend across the borders of Detroit and Hamtramck. It was built in a rush where about 1,500 homes, businesses, churches and a hospital were forced to sell their property in the government's robust effort to keep the automotive industry in Detroit.

Many times, eminent domain actions occur and go unnoticed to the public, according to Nowling.

"The first is so daunting to homeowners that they usually just sell," Nowling said. The likelihood to prevail against government action is small and many choose not to dispute the administration, he added.

Kristen Janney is a student intern at the Grand Haven Times. She can be reached at (248) 685-1507 ext. 17 or by e-mail at [janney@gannett.com](mailto:janney@gannett.com).

# Prop 5: School funding confusion

By Jennifer Sullivan  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

Whether you're a veteran voter or a rookie, the voting booth can be an intimidating place — especially when you are facing complicated ballot issues.

Chris Thiel, a research associate with Citizens Research Council of Michigan, a non-partisan public policy research organization, recently provided an unbiased analysis of one of the issues facing voters.

Proposition Five on the statewide ballot.

Proposition Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Proposition Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Proposition Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Proposition Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Proposition Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Proposition Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Proposition Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Proposition Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

approximately \$665 million. It would require the state to provide annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation.

According to Thiel, if this proposal passes, and inflation goes up by 3 percent, for example, colleges and universities would get an increase by 3 percent — although not necessarily in equal amounts. Public schools under this proposal would get per pupil increases based on inflation.

Depending on the district, schools currently receive an average of \$7,500 per student enrolled.

Propose Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Propose Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Propose Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Propose Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Propose Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now — and increase them annually by the inflation rate. The idea is to prevent the legislature from decreasing school funds, as they have several times in recent years. If the state has less money than counted on, it would have to cut spending on something else, not schools.

Propose Five would set school funding levels slightly higher than they are now —

# OPINION & LETTERS

PAGE 16A

www.novinews.com

Thursday, November 2, 2006

## Novi News

David Agullar  
EDITOR

Grace Pezza Perry  
GENERAL MANAGER

Richard Perleberg  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Richard Rathall  
PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

Our fundamental purpose is to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## Oakland County Commission: We endorse

The following are Novi News Oakland County Commission endorsements for the Nov. 7 election.

## Hugh Crawford: County Commissioner 9th District

Hugh D. Crawford (R-Nowi) should be re-elected to serve a fourth term Tuesday as Oakland County Commissioner for the 9th District, which includes the communities of Novi, Northville and Novi Township.

As a six-year incumbent, vice chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, chairman and past chair of several county committees, and 15 years experience on Novi City Council, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership abilities.

A life-long resident of Novi, the 65-year-old Crawford served on the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission for a decade, six years as chairman, and was mayor pro tem for eight years.

He is dedicated to providing excellent county services for the residents of District 9, including roads and infrastructure improvements, expanded parks and recreation facilities and health services — without increasing taxes.

Crawford also supports doing away with the Single Business Tax, scheduled for Dec. 31, 2007, instead of Dec. 31, 2009. He believes its elimination will spur growth and business, making up for some of the dollars lost since it's gone. Crawford believes the lost revenue can be replaced with a more fair and equitable business tax — without increasing residential taxes.

Other worthy improvements in the county he promises to address include jail overcrowding without raising taxes or building new facilities, providing more job training and employment opportunities for county residents and attracting new businesses and maintaining current ones.

Crawford has served his constituents well as a liaison between them and the county, working to maintain and add to the area's resources and providing a common-sense approach to decision making at the county level.

## Jeff Potter: County Commissioner 8th District

Oakland County Commissioner Jeff Potter is a representative in touch with his district.

He has served two terms as the 8th District commissioner and deserves a third. He is often a fixture at city council and township meetings throughout his district, not only to provide updates on county issues but also to learn about our communities' needs and how county officials might assist. Ask Potter about any community in the 8th District, and he can provide a mountain of information about the issues each city and township faces.

A natural people person, Potter makes time to listen to voters' concerns. His positive relationships with constituents and his willingness to help anyone make Potter a successful South Lyon mayor for many years, and he has taken that practice to represent residents at the county level.

Potter is a fiscally conservative Republican. With the help of other members, he has worked to keep a tight budget during a downturn in the economy, avoiding tax increases and maintaining the county's AAA bond rating, which means Oakland County can secure funding for public projects at lower interest rates than many other counties.

Potter has secured funding for economic development throughout the 8th District, including money for the ring road in New Hudson and another \$15 million in funding for the Witom downtown traditional neighborhood development project.

As county commissioner, he chairs the Public Services Committee, which deals with courts and law enforcement. He will play an important role in watching over a comprehensive study of jail overcrowding, and he said he will look at alternatives before spending money on a building project.

## Nov. 7 Election Hours

Novi election polls will be open to registered voters 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. during the Nov. 7 election. For more information, city residents should call the city clerk at (248) 347-0456. Novi Township residents should call Township Clerk Derwood Haines at (248) 449-6950.

## LETTERS

### If Good Men Do Nothing, Are They Really Good Men?

I have seen a moribund Democrat. Although I'd hope to never see one, but I can say, without a doubt, I'd rather see than be one.

Unless, of course, the one I see is president, senator, representative or judge. If so, I hope it is a rightwinger. Please wake me with a judge.

I have seen a dyed-in-the-Republican. Although not as often as I'd like. Today, most feel they must please everyone. So, they please no one except themselves. I wish they'd take a "hike" to the land of our forefathers. To the past from which this nation sprang. To a time when we knew right from wrong. A time when God was invoked and rarely doubted.

So, if you do not want to be told what to do just because it is politically correct. Please vote your conscience, not your head... Your heartfelt feelings are usually more correct than those from above your neck.

Five after being bombarded by the media, TV ads and filtered news. To think their way about everything. Don't you think this is your one chance to choose?

A House divided against itself cannot stand. And neither can a Senate. So, should I vote for those who really represent us?

For, if not, we will never, ever mend or end it.

Rawland Storm

Novi

### Republican Improvement?

Dick DeVos would like us all to believe that closed factories and jobs lost in Michigan are somehow Governor Granholm's responsibility. That's the face facts. Ford, GM, Daimler Chrysler, and most of the other manufacturers in Michigan who have eliminated jobs here have done so to take advantage of cheaper labor in other countries to remain competitive. Nothing anybody could have done would change that fact.

Things could have been done years ago to improve Michigan's business environment. Republicans controlled both houses of Congress and the governor's office during the 1990s boom when John Engler held office. They could have eliminated the much hated Single Business Tax then, when the resulting revenue loss could have been easily dealt with. They chose not to.

Instead, they spent the rainy day fund. They dumped the mentally ill citizens in housing meant for seniors, at least the lucky ones. Those less fortunate ended up on the streets where they were easy prey for the criminals we all fear. So, others, with no support, became criminals, and we now spend \$20,000 plus a year to keep them in prisons that are all equipped to handle them.

Having a Democrat in the governor's office, however, is apparently the state that sharpens the Republicans' tax-cutting knife. So, they have eagerly joined Gov. Granholm in reducing or eliminating many taxes.

There is a problem, though. Michigan's Republicans, like children, are happy to do the easy stuff, in this case joining Jennifer Granholm in cutting taxes. Unfortunately, deciding where the inevitable cuts in state services will come next frighten them, for they consistently leave that much more difficult work to Gov. Granholm, the adult in Lansing.

Now DeVos continues that proud Republican tradition, refusing to say or perhaps afraid to say, where he will cut services or how he would make up the lost revenue from ending the SBT.

So, if DeVos wins on election day, who will be the adult in Lansing?

Grey Combs

Novi

### What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Letters to the Editor, David Agullar, Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Fax (248) 349-0832. E-mail: dagullar@gannett.com. Letters submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday.

### Vote No on Proposal 2

Most of us have a little girl in our family who is very dear to our hearts. We wish for her the very best, exposure to opportunities and the chance to be the best that she can be. Passage of Proposal 2 will erase or threaten many of the opportunities that we have enjoyed and have come to take for granted over the past thirty or thirty years.

If the little girl's dream is to become an astronaut, don't count on any after school or summer opportunities for knaves in science, math, engineering or technology. Don't plan on taking her to the lands-on University of Michigan Sault Ste. Marie Science Festival. Forget about the possible education scholarship or fellowship to make the dream a remote possibility.

Suppose that the decision to start her own business. There will no longer be a legal need to notify women and minorities of public contract bids. So what is the chance of her being awarded a government contract?

Then there is the worst case scenario of our grown up "little girl" and her children killing people in a domestic abuse. Even shelters for women and children have been challenged in California as a result of Proposal 20. Maybe there will be no shelter in Michigan to help her.

What happened to our wish for the very best for our little girl?

The Northville-Nowi Branch of the American Association of University Women urges voters to vote "no" on Proposal 2, the Michigan Civil

continued on 20A

# COMMENT

David Agullar, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 dagullar@gannett.com

## Michigan voters: 'propose' to vote

Here's some advice. If you don't want to be in the voting booth for an hour next Tuesday, learn something first about the five — count 'em — five proposals which will be on the statewide ballot.

Proposals like this are often big very technically worded and often very controversial. Some of them may impact our lives far more than whether or not a particular candidate is elected.

And what voters many voters don't know is that while all five may look the same, legally they are in fact very different.

Three of these, in fact, amendments to the Michigan Constitution of the others, one is technically a referendum, the other a statutory initiative. And while that may mean nothing, it in fact signifies important differences of which you should be aware.

First of all, amendments to the state Constitution are just that — new language inserted into the basic legal and political document of our state. Constitutional amendments appear on the ballot one of two ways. Either two-thirds of both houses of the legislature vote to put them there — or signatures equal to 10 percent of the total vote for governor in the last general election are submitted.

Currently, that's 317,757 valid signatures, but because so many signatures submitted are flawed or falsified, more are needed.

Many scholars admire and advocate citizen ability to amend the Constitution, to conduct direct referendums on acts of the legislature and to force initiation of various sorts.

The Secretary of State checks a representative sample for validity. As a result, most experts figure it takes in practice around 400,000 signatures to get an amendment certified for the ballot.

The Constitutional amendments that made it to this year's ballot include one calling for protection of Department of Natural Resources lands and a second, the so-called (confusingly, on purpose) Michigan Civil Rights Initiative. The third is about "eminent domain," or the law defining when private property can be taken by a public body.

Next, we come to the one referendum on the ballot, the one dealing with mourning doves. It is easier to get a referendum to approve or reject a law passed by the legislature on the ballot for voter approval or rejection. For this, you need valid signatures of only five

percent of the total vote for governor in the last general election.

The legislature in 2004 classified mourning doves as game birds as distinguished from song birds, thereby allowing dove hunting in Michigan. Antidote hunters collected signatures to put Proposal 3 on the ballot to try and ban it.

The third class of ballot proposal is a statutory initiative. To force one of these, advocates must collect signatures are collected that are at least eight percent of the total votes for governor in the last general election

— currently about 254,050. Number 2: This is the controversially mislabeled "civil rights" amendment to the Constitution. Voting "yes" would set back enormously our attempts to build a diverse society.

The outrageous way the proposal is mislabeled has people voting "no" if they want to advocate civil rights.

Number 3: I see no particular reason to shoot doves. Number 4: Governments need the ability to take private property under eminent domain for good public purposes, like a necessary freeway. This proposal, however, would prevent them from taking your house and giving the land to Wal-Mart. I am voting yes.

Number 5: I cannot express just how fiscally irresponsible the ballot-box budgeting set out by the K-16 proposal would be.

This would represent an enormous problem for a state already facing a chronic structural budget deficit.

The highly respected and non-partisan Citizens Research Council estimates the measure, if passed, would require the state to spend between \$565 and \$707 million per year more on education.

Yanking this amount out of an already paper-thin budget would almost surely produce a legislative and financial train wreck.

But there is a cautionary tale here for the legislature. This proposal is on the ballot because they have been underfunding education, especially higher education. Even if Proposal 5 loses, they should take note.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education in Michigan and is a former University of Michigan regent. Reach him at ppower@channel.com.



Phil Power  
Political Columnist

## Novi, here are your Nov. 7 ballot choices

Clip & Vote	Re-Republican; D-Democrat; G-Green Party; U-U.S. Taxpayers; L-Libertarian; N-Natural Law
<b>Governor &amp; Lt. Governor</b> Dick DeVos/Ruth Johnson (R)	<b>State Board of Education (vote for 2)</b> Tom McMillin (R) Eileen Weiser (R) Reginald Turner (D) Casandra E. Ubrich (D) Kevin A. Carey (G) Jacob Woods (G) George A. Emerson (U) Gail M. Graesser (U) Erwin J. Haas (L) Ernest A. Whiteside (L) Debra Hayden (N)
<b>Secretary of State</b> Terri Lynn Land (R) Carmella Sabaugh (D) Lynn Meadows (G)	<b>University of Michigan Regents (vote for 2)</b> David Brandon (R) Susan Brown (R) Julia Donovan Darlow (D) Kathy White (D) Edward Morin (G) Karan Adams (U) James Lewis Hudler (L) Eric L. Larson (L) Valeria G. Hilden (N)
<b>Attorney General</b> Mike Cox (R) Amos Williams (D) Charles Conces (U) Bibi Hall (L)	<b>Michigan State University Board (vote for 2)</b> Dea Cook (R) Dave Porteous (R) Faylene Owen (D) George Perlas (D) Lauren Elizabeth Spencer (G) Robert Gale (U) J.P. Denoyer (L) David H. Raaflaub (L) Katherine Derr (N)
<b>U.S. Senator</b> Michael Bouchard (R) Debbie Stabenow (D) David Sole (G) W. Dennis FitzSimons (U) Leonard Schwartz (L)	<b>2nd Dist. Court of Appeals Judge, non-partisan (vote for no more than 3)</b> Jessica R. Cooper Kathleen Jansen Dorothy A. Servitto
<b>11th District U.S. Representative</b> Thaddeus G. McCotter (R) Tony Trupiano (D) Charles E. Tackett (U) John T. Tatar (L)	<b>6th Circuit Court Judge, non-partisan (vote for no more than 6)</b> Mark A. Goldsmith Denise Langford Morris Wendy L. Potts Edward Sosnick Deborah G. Tyner
<b>15th District State Senator</b> Nancy Cassis (R) Ray Raczkowski (D) Nathan E. Allen (L)	<b>38th District State Representative</b> Craig DeRoche (R) Tim Jarrell (D)



Letters to the Editor: We welcome your comments regarding editorials, columns and other topics discussed in the Novi News. Only submissions arriving by 5 p.m. Monday and including the author's full name, address and day and evening phone numbers — for verification by the Novi News — will be considered for publication. Letters to the editor of 400 or fewer words have the best chance of being published. All submissions may be edited for length, accuracy and clarity. Letters to the editor, opinion and editorial columns, and articles submitted to the Novi News, may be published or distributed in print, electronic or other forms. Mail Letters to the Editor to: David Agullar, Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Fax: (248) 349-0832. E-mail: dagullar@gannett.com.

## NOVI NEWS STAFF



Grace Perry - General Manager  
gperry@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700, ext. 120



David Agullar - Editor  
dagullar@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700, ext. 102



Lisa Tincu - Account Executive  
ltincu@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700, ext. 118



Greg Migliore - Staff Writer  
gmigliore@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700, ext. 107



Pam Fleming - Staff Writer  
pfleming@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700, ext. 105



Renee Saunders - Staff Writer  
rsaunders@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700, ext. 110



Jeff Theisen - Sports Writer  
jtheisen@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700, ext. 104



John Heider - Staff Photographer  
jheider@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700, ext. 106



Beth Hinman - Office Asst.  
bhinman@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700



Margery Taurialen - Office Asst.  
mtaurialen@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700



Billy Fraser - Graphic Designer  
bfraser@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700, ext. 116

### Benjamin Franklin

THE PUNCTUAL PLUMBER

TOLL FREE 866-867-5309

Phones answered live 24/7

### GREAT LAKES DERMATOLOGY

MICHAEL R. COHEN, D.O.  
Board Certified Dermatologist

Specializing in Diseases of the Skin, Hair & Nails

Invites you to visit his new location and get the care you deserve.

- Skin Cancer
- Eczema
- Moleles
- Psoriasis
- Acne
- Botox
- Hair Loss
- Warts
- Much More

Accepting New Patients • All Ages  
Call for Appointment 248-324-2222. Evening appts. available.  
Lewis Medical Office Centre, 39475 Lewis Drive,  
Suite 150, Novi, Michigan 48317  
greatlakesderm@yahoo.com

### Gary D. Greely D.D.S. P.C.

Family Dentistry

332 East Main St., Suite B  
Downtown Northville  
248-349-1616

Graduate of Catholic Central, University of Det.,  
University of Michigan Dental School  
Licensed in Michigan, Fla., & Ariz.  
Most Insurance accepted (including MET)

Emergencies Welcome!  
Hours: 8-6 M, T, Th, F

### SPOTLIGHT ON ALLERGY & ASTHMA

Presented by  
Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.C.R.I.  
ECZEMA

Everca, also called atopic dermatitis, is a skin condition that often flares up on the face, elbow, and knees. It is a chronic condition that often flares up over the years and prevents comfortable and casual use of clothes. It can also affect older people who have a personal or family history of asthma or allergies. Eczema may come on look very dry. The best way to manage the condition is to liberally hydrate and prevent continued exposure to them. Common triggers include over-heating or sweating, pet dander, and pollen. In other people, eczema can be exacerbated by skin with cream or ointment.

This helpful column is the perfect for all who suffer with allergies. Call the ALLERGY & ASTHMA CENTER OF MICHIGAN to arrange for a consultation. We are caring and professional, and offer knowledgeable and sound advice. If you need to see a specialist, call for an appointment with Dr. Rowe. We have worked with and helped many families over the years and provide comfortable and casual use of clothes. It can also affect older people who have a personal or family history of asthma or allergies. Eczema may come on look very dry. The best way to manage the condition is to liberally hydrate and prevent continued exposure to them. Common triggers include over-heating or sweating, pet dander, and pollen. In other people, eczema can be exacerbated by skin with cream or ointment.

www.allergyinfo.org

### Holiday Spectacular

Christmas Open House

30% OFF

All Christmas Store Items  
excludes Dept. 56

View our theme trees, from elegant to fun! Refreshments  
OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 4, 8:30-6pm and NOVEMBER 5, 10-5pm

PLYMOUTH NURSERY  
Christmas in the Country

734-453-5500 9900 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth Rd.  
www.plymouthnursery.com





**Autumn lights!**  
A field of staghorn sumac shows its fall flair along 10 Mile Road, west of Beck in Novi.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

continued from 16A

**Rights Initiative.** This proposal will ban affirmative action programs that fight discrimination and create opportunities for women and minorities when it comes to jobs and education. If this proposal passes, programs that bring people of diverse backgrounds together will be eliminated. When there is diversity, the chances of understanding increase and stereotyping and bias decrease.

The language of this proposal is very deceiving. It does not confer additional civil rights on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity or national origin; it bans them. In California, where a nearly identical constitutional amendment was adopted in 1996, programs providing access and exposure to education, employment and business opportunity for women and minorities have been eliminated or amended. There are lawsuits challenging breast cancer screening and battered women's shelters programs.

Affirmative action does not benefit only women and minorities; it provides opportunity for each of our families. Vote NO on Proposal 2.

has also been proposed. Council will soon vote on the suitability of implementing this study, although no other shared use, such as vacant school or church rooms or other buildings, is being explored. Senior activities are now held at the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Center and at the Civic Center, and a real need for additional space for these activities has not been shown. The library staff has not been consulted nor have the seniors of Novi been actively solicited for additional space. Use of an existing building or an expansion on available property at the existing Meadowbrook Road center makes much more sense and would cost less tax dollars when space is needed. I am a senior citizen who frequently uses the Novi Senior Center and the library. I believe the mayor and city council should not approve funds for such a study, but should consider all options and opinions.

Vicky McLean  
Novi

### Vote Democratic

Duke Cunningham, Tom Delay, Bob Ney, and Mark Foley, all of the Republican ruling class, are members of Congress that make the laws we are to live by. People need to understand these people who rule over us do not feel the need to live by our laws. Some say we are a nation of laws; they know this because they spend so much time trying to find ways around them. This view is shared by many Republicans, President Bush, for example, had Congress change a law after the Supreme Court ruled against him, and as he signs new laws he writes his own disclaimers on them.

Isn't it time to elect those who believe in doing the right thing, obeying the law and applying it to all? Enough is enough, vote Democratic.

Chuck Tindall  
Novi, MI 48377

### Library Expansion — Consider All Options

The shared use of the planned library expansion by Novi senior citizens has been proposed by the city council. A 60-day study, at a cost of \$15,000,

**What do you do when Viagra, Levitra, or Cialis doesn't work?**  
If you are one of the nearly 6 million men with erectile dysfunction for whom pills don't work, learn how the Internal Penile Pump restores normal sexual function.

Oral medications such as Viagra, Levitra, and Cialis are successful in restoring erections for 65% of the 20 million American men who are affected by erectile dysfunction (ED). However, a subset of all those suffering from ED require a more advanced treatment option: fewer than 40% of men after prostate cancer treatment respond to oral ED medication.

A simple procedure to get back a lifetime of pleasure.

The Internal Penile Pump is an inflatable, water-filled device. During the course of a 45-minute outpatient procedure, the pump is inserted through a one-inch opening in the scrotal sac. By squeezing the pump (which is contained completely within the scrotum), the procedure is completely painless. The procedure is covered by most insurance policies, including Medicare.

penis, resulting in a long lasting erection. To return the penis to a flaccid state, simply press and hold down the pump. Once inserted, there is no maintenance required for the pump which can remain in place for a lifetime.

The control and quality you want, the pleasure your partner will appreciate.

**"The Internal Penile Pump is currently the best option for men who do not respond to medication"**

The highlight of this treatment is that it restores the patient's control over his body, so that he is able to obtain and maintain an erection at will. Couples are once again able to have spontaneous sex. Sexual recreation, including orgasm and ejaculation, is not affected. The procedure is covered by most insurance policies, including Medicare.

**FREE ED Informational Seminar**  
with Dr. Chirpriya B. Dhabuwala, M.D.  
Thursday, November 9th • 6:30 p.m.  
Sheraton Novi Hotel  
21111 Haggerty • Novi, MI 48375  
Bring your partner and your questions, and learn about today's ED treatment options.  
Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. Call to register early 1-800-466-5595

**Oh 2006! Baby**

Calling All Proud Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Brothers & Sisters! Don't miss your chance to be a part of 2006 "Oh Baby!"

Babies born in 2006 will be presented March 1, 2007. Submit your baby's photo today!

Avon Schenfeld  
June 23, 2006  
Wyandotte Hospital  
Bryce & Angela

Submit your baby's photo today!

Child's Name (First, Middle & Last) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Name (First & Last) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Submit your photo and \$20 to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 All entries must be received by Nov. 10, 2006.

Includes a \$450.00 voucher for your photo album!



30 days? One year? Five years?  
SAME GREAT RATE.

Choose any term from 30 days to five years and get the same great rate. Now that's convenient!

Introducing "Pick Your Term" CD  
**5.35% APY\***  
With "Loyalty Checking Account"\*\*\*

5.10% APY\*  
Without "Loyalty Checking Account"

Ask about our Loyalty Money Market Account!

Convenience you can count on. **Flagstar Bank**  
Member FDIC  
(800) 642-0039 www.flagstar.com

**Are you an organ & tissue donor?**  
Ask your family today, and let them know your decision, too. That way you'll know, they'll know, and there will be no question later.  
For a free brochure, call 1-800-355-SHARE.  
Share your life, share your decision. Michigan Coalition on donation.



**Smoke you out!**  
Novi firefighter Ramon Alvarez walks through a smoke-filled hallway of the fire-safety house the department used during a recent open house.

**RANKED TOP 5% BY HEALTHGRADES**  
of hospitals nationwide for Pulmonary Care 2005

**RATED FIVE STAR BY HEALTHGRADES**  
• for pulmonary care  
• for treatment of community acquired pneumonia  
• for treatment of COPD

Now you don't have to go far to get the pulmonary care you need. For nationally recognized care, choose the award-winning doctors and nurses of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. And feel better ... close to home.

**AWARD-WINNING PULMONARY CARE IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD.**

**ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL**  
Livonia, MI  
Physician Referral  
Call 1.888.464.WELL  
www.stmarymercy.org

A MEMBER OF TRINITY HEALTH

**Read then Recycle this Newspaper**

## NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Telcom celebrates 70 years**  
Telcom Credit Union of Novi will celebrate its 70th anniversary Friday, Nov. 10. Founded in Detroit in 1936 and headquartered in Novi since 2003, Telcom Credit Union is a full-service financial institution serving more than 28,000 members.

The Novi branch is located at 44575 W. 12 Mile Road. To mark the business milestone, Telcom will give a free Imagine Movie Theatre ticket to the first 70 people who visit the Novi branch on Nov. 10. The branch opens at 9 a.m. Anyone can join. For more information, contact Telcom Credit Union at (800) 356-7465, or visit www.telcom-cu.com.

**Walsh to honor executives**  
Walsh College in Novi will honor two local business executives dedicated to bringing the business world into the classroom and education into the business world with Educational Excellence & Service Awards at the seventh annual Jeffrey W. Barry Tribute Dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Rochester's Royal Park Hotel.

Award recipients include Leslie Murphy of Bloomfield Hills, Plante & Moran managing partner and chair of the 350,000-member American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Merion Segal of West Bloomfield, founder and chairman of the board of Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Michigan's largest business insurance agency.

**Cooper-Standard wins award**  
Cooper-Standard Automotive's Fluid Systems Division in Novi has been recognized for its technical leadership with a 2007 Automotive News PACE Award Honorable Mention.

The award is for the development of a unique metal-to-plastic fluid connection with industry-leading functionality and customer value.

The Fluid Systems team consisted of Steve Slenick, product engineer; Dan Buljet, account manager; and Mitch Huns, design engineer.

The Premier Automotive Suppliers' Contribution to Excellence Award, or PACE Award, is often referred to as the "Academy Award for Innovation" in the automotive industry.

**gardenviews**  
**Holiday Open House**  
Saturday November 4th  
10:00 to 5:00pm

Get a Jump on Holiday Decorating Ideas!

- Elegant, Contemporary, Traditional
- Light Refreshments & Holiday Music
- Gift Certificate Drawings Every Hour

202 West Main St. • Downtown Northville  
248-380-8881

**JENNIFER GRAY PRESENTS...**

- Body Beautiful Boot Camp for Women
- Body Beautiful Boot Camp for Brides
- Boot Camp for Big Beautiful Women

New location in an area near you.  
Call today for next camp start dates.  
Customized 6 week and 10 week programs.  
LIMITED SPACE • CALL NOW • 248.761.2321  
www.bodybyjenn.com

**Avalon Pointe**  
**Office Condominiums**  
for Sale or Lease-to-Own

- Size: 1,000 SF - 10,000 SF
- Single story, all brick building
- Individual suite entrances
- Adequate parking for medical
- M-5 & 12 Mile exit, 1 mile away

Shell Price: \$165/SF

Mike Huszti or Jackie Wiley  
(248) 937-1777  
www.NoviOfficeCondos.com

**BEST VALUES OF THE SEASON ON OUR FINEST RESTONICS!**

# Season's Lowest Mattress Prices!

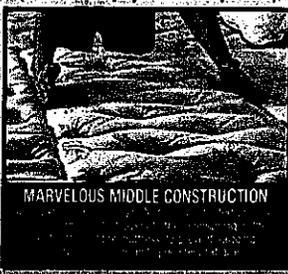
**RESTONIC  
MATTRESS**  
www.restonic.com



# SAVE UP TO 60%

**FREE**  
(Call and allow)  
**DELIVERY  
SET-UP  
REMOVAL**  
OF YOUR OLD BEDDING

**Plus**  
**12 MONTHS  
SAME AS CASH**  
(Minimum payments required)



	WAS	NOW
Twin	\$599.99	\$249.99
Full	\$699.99	\$299.99
Queen	\$799.99	\$349.99
King	N/A	N/A

10 Yr. Non-Prorated Warranty

	WAS	NOW
Twin	\$899.99	\$449.99
Full	\$999.99	\$499.99
Queen	\$1099.99	\$549.99
King	\$1599.99	\$799.99

10 Yr. Non-Prorated Warranty

	WAS	NOW
Twin	\$1099.99	\$599.99
Full	\$1399.99	\$699.99
Queen	\$1499.99	\$749.99
King	\$1899.99	\$999.99

10 Yr. Non-Prorated Warranty

	WAS	NOW
Twin	\$1399.99	\$699.99
Full	\$1599.99	\$799.99
Queen	\$1699.99	\$899.99
King	\$2399.99	\$1199.99

10 Yr. Non-Prorated Warranty

**SPECIAL!**  
**Memory Foam  
Mattresses  
and Pillows**

	WAS	NOW
Twin	\$1799.99	\$899.99
Full	\$1999.99	\$1099.99
Queen	\$2199.99	\$1299.99
King	\$2799.99	\$1399.99

15 Yr. Non-Prorated Warranty

# Mattress & Futon Shoppe

Sweet Dreams • Sweet Prices!  
mattressandfutonshoppe.com

ANN ARBOR	2131 W. Stadium (South of W. Liberty)	734.222.9472
CANTON	42468 Ford Rd. (At Lilley in Canton Corners)	734.844.0400
BIRMINGHAM	32767 Woodward (1 block South of 14 Mile)	248.549.1951
LAKESIDE	13809 Hall (Across from Lakeside near Old Navy)	586.532.8055
LIVONIA	31829 Plymouth Road (1 block West of Merriman)	734.425.1500
NOW TOWN CENTER	(South of I-96)	248.348.5494
ROSEVILLE	39296 Gratiot (Across from Macomb Mall at Masonic)	586.294.8360
ROYAL OAK	28074 N. Woodward (South of 12 Mile)	248.414.6909
SOUTHGATE	17820 Eureka Road (Between Rebeck & Allen Rd.)	734.281.7766
TAYLOR	22355 Ecorse (1/2 Mile East of Telegraph)	313.291.3603
TROY	3536 Rochester Road (Bet. Big Beaver & Whittles)	248.743.1088
TAYLOR	23689 Eureka (Near Southland Mall)	734.287.0454
WARREN	26645 Hoover (In the Hoover - 11 Shopping Center)	586.754.1500
YPSIWANN ARBOR	45623 Washtenaw (1/4 Mile E. of US-23)	734.975.9200

Novi hoops splits vs. KVC foes P. 2B



Bobcats sweep Braves P. 4B

**Holiday Craft Show & Marketplace**  
 Saturday, Nov. 4 • 10am-4pm  
 Catholic Central High School  
 27223 Wilson Rd. • Novi • Just S. of Grand River  
 \$3 admission includes raffle tickets to win one of 75 prizes  
 sponsored by Catholic Central Mothers Club

# SPORTS

Chase Chandler wins MIAA defensive honor

— Page 4B

B1 Novi News

www.novionews.com

Thursday, November 2, 2006

# REGIONAL CHAMPS

## Wheat wins; Novi places 5 in top 10

By Jeff Theisen  
NOVI NEWS

Make it three in a row for the Novi boys cross country team.

The Wildcats won Saturday's regional meet at Schoolcraft College for their third straight regional title and a spot in the state meet.

"I think we're the only team in Novi in any sport that's done this," Novi head coach Robert Smith said of winning the third straight regional. "It's a huge, huge accomplishment."

Novi finished with 26 points, 50 points ahead of second-place Plymouth. Livonia Churchill was third with 90 points, and Catholic Central was fourth with 101. Northville finished sixth with 146 points in the 13-team meet.

"I give the credit to the athletes," Smith said. "I ask them to make sacrifices and some of the sacrifices aren't very palatable. The sacrifices is really what makes me proud of these young men."

Novi senior Mike Wheat was first across the line in 46:15.9.

"Right off the bat, he jumped out in front," Smith said. "It was a three-runner race for a while. Mike ran with all sorts of confidence. He was not going to be beat."

Alex Prasad was next in for the Wildcats in fourth place (16:31.9), followed closely by teammates Kenny MacDonough in fifth (16:35.1) and Scott Wagner in sixth (16:36.3). Josh Lumley capped Novi's seeding with a 10th-place finish in 16:41.2.

Michael Beard placed 13th (17:02.6) and Aaron Crossal was 19th (17:14.5) to finish out the top seven for the Wildcats.

"We seem to be picking on a lot of steam. We seem to be getting and peaking at the right time," Smith said. "The regional was a real nice springboard for what we're going to do this weekend."

Smith said he was very proud of the way his kids ran, but he's even prouder of how his entire team has performed on and off the beaten path.

"We had seven guys on the start line but we had 32 there," he said. "We all came back to the school to savor the moment in our area. I'm proud of all the guys."

"They're classy guys. They're very respectful young men. They're just a pleasure to coach."

Continued on 2B



Photo by MARK HICKS/Westside Photographic

Novi senior Mike Wheat crosses the finish line first during Saturday's regional meet at Schoolcraft College. Catholic Central's Alex Toloff, behind, finishes in second place.

## Wildcats on mark for state run

By Jeff Theisen  
NOVI NEWS

A season's worth of hard work will be on display against the state's best Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

And with the top five runners all returning from last year's ninth-place finish, the Wildcats are ready to make some noise.

"We're running with a lot of confidence right now," Novi head coach Robert Smith said. "We haven't run against anyone in the state, but it appears we're in a pretty good position to make a splash in the state meet."

"Having the experience is really invaluable. We have the luxury of looking back at last year being a dress rehearsal. We seem to have a really good history of running well at the state meet."

The returning runners are regional champion senior Mike Wheat, senior Alex Prasad, senior Kenny MacDonough, senior Scott Wagner and junior Josh Lumley.

"These five runners are all better," Smith said. "They're a year stronger, they're faster. Now that they have experience, that's going to give them quite an advantage compared to most teams. You can't underestimate the value of confidence."

The Wildcats, along with the rest of the state, know who they are chasing. Pinckney returns its top runners from last year's state winning team and is again the favorite.

While beating Pinckney would take an incredible team effort, Smith just wants to see the team perform at its best on the biggest stage.

"We're just worried about what we do," he said. "We're not going to run Pinckney's race at all. It's too big of a meet and too many runners to strategize against one team."

Continued on 2B

## State Cross Country:

Where: All qualifying Michigan high schools  
 Where: Michigan International Speedway  
 When: Saturday — Div. 1 boys 2 p.m.,  
 Div. 1 girls 3 p.m.



Photo by MARK HICKS/Westside Photographic

Novi runners react as the gun is fired to begin Saturday's regional meet.



Photo by MARK HICKS/Westside Photographic

Novi runners Mike Wheat and Alex Prasad head to the front of Saturday's start.



## Novi News Athletes of the Week

### Novi Boys XC

The Novi boys cross country team won its third straight regional title Saturday at Schoolcraft College. Mike Wheat finished first overall, and the top five Novi runners finished in the top 10. The Wildcats will run at the state meet Saturday.



**Novi News Sports**  
 Sports writer Jeff Theisen  
 104 W. WILSON  
 Northville, MI 48167  
 (248) 349-1700 ext. 104

# WILDCATS STATE BOUND



Novi runner Scott Wagner finishes in sixth place at Saturday's regional meet.

## STATE: Wildcats ready

Continued from 1B

While experience and senior leadership are big assets for Novi, what makes the team really strong is having a cluster of runners that can all run in the same range.

Junior Aaron Crowl and senior Michael Beard add depth and didn't finish far off the top five at regionals.

"MIS and the number of top athletes is rather daunting," Smith said. "The fear is quite diminished when you have five or six familiar faces right with you."

"They're just really excited. They aren't out of control. They know they have a job to do this week. They have training to do. They have mental training to do."

Smith said he expects his team to continue to the tradition that has kept the Wildcats in the top 10 the last eight years.

Novi won the state meet in 1998 and 1999. The Wildcats also finished second in 2000.

### Kramer makes state cut

Also making the trek to the state meet is Andrea Kramer, who led the Wildcat girls with a 12-place finish in 20:18 at the regional meet.

The Wildcats were two places away from qualifying as a team, but Kramer moves on for finishing in the top 15 at regionals.

The Division 1 boys race begins at 2 p.m. The Division 1 girls is the last race of the day with a 3 p.m. start, Saturday at MIS.

Jeff Theisen can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at jtheisen@gannett.com.

## WATER WHEEL

### Age brings "weighting" game

As I stepped up and let the number showing on the weight scale register, my mind quickly raced looking in fits on some reason why it was showing 6 pounds heavier than just a short while ago. The scale is wrong. I must have a lot of water weight, wrong time of the day to weigh myself. I finally settled in on one of the oldest (and my personal favorite) excuses of all.

"I am almost 50 years old now, my metabolism is changing and that weight gain comes with the age."

Never mind the fact my wife just had a complete hip replacement and I have been home for the last month or so to help and certainly couldn't sneak out for my regular workouts and my wife needs me far too much to go out and take a 15 minute walk, it's cold out there and the Tigers are on soon. Also never mind the fact the refrigerator is only 8-10 feet away 24 hours a day and the large bowl of chocolate candy has been sitting out in anticipation of Halloween for the last few weeks, and I have been mysteriously refilling it weekly. Heck, I only grab one or two small miniature candy bars when I pass by (5 or 10 times a day).



Chris Klebba

**Time to face the facts.**

The exact same science of weight loss applies to an almost 30-year-old man in denial as it does to an active 20-year-old. Burn more calories than you take in and create a calorie deficit and you will lose weight. Take in the same calories as you burn, and you will stay the same weight and take in more than you burn and you will gain. Simple, doesn't it? Maybe the scale is off? More facts...Every decade after age 25 our resting metabolic rate was 1200 calories/day, 10 years later it would become 1175, which is a very minor reduction and easily offset by moving a "little more" (300 steps or three minutes of light exercise hike) or consuming less (one bite of about anything).

For the majority of older adults it simply becomes harder to follow the rules of weight management. Keep one important statistic in mind: the average normal child takes between 12-16,000 steps/day while the average adult takes less than 6,000—that's more than half your daily movement that disappears in adulthood!

As we get older things change:

- As most people age they find it more difficult to move for many reasons: Becomes painful on the joints or muscles especially when overweight.
- Maturity inhibits movement: we don't chase our friends or spouses around the restaurant or run from place to place as when we were kids because it looks funny or appears strange.
- We grow more fond and become addicted to more non-movement activities such as dining, favorite TV shows, or our jobs simply become more sedentary.
- Exercise is not fun for older adults and although it's not true, they believe they must exercise to lose weight.
- Hormone production changes, which is part of the aging process. This affects our appetite including the foods we choose.

Many times older adults (30+) report that they work out more and eat better than they used to, but have still put on a few pounds or find it more difficult to keep weight from increasing. The reality is that if you truly are working out more and eating healthier or less (focusing more on what you eat), then you are simply moving less during the entire day than you used to when things were "easier" (remember: how many steps you used to take as a kid?). It has nothing to do with your workout or food selection. If, in fact, you have increased your workout volume and you eat less, then that difference in calories is making up for your overall day's reduction in movement compared to previous years. Most of the story is that you don't have to work out harder or eat less as long as you maintain your non-exercise daily activities or increase them when weight begins to creep up.

This column was written by Fitness Expert Chris Klebba. Chris owns and operates Planet Fitness in Novi, and is a regular columnist and public speaker. For more information call 248-449-7634 or go to [www.planetfitness.com](http://www.planetfitness.com).

## REGIONAL: Novi dominates

Continued from 1B

### Shamrock Cross Country

Alex Toloff had a strong meet with a second-place finish in 16:17.5 for the Shamrock.

Toloff receives All-Region status and punches his ticket to the state meet with a top-15 finish.

The Shamrocks just missed out on qualifying as a team with a fourth-place finish.

Next in for Catholic Central was Adam Gostor in 18th place (17:13.5), followed by Zachary Oleski in 22nd (17:18.9), Michael Dompierre in 26th (17:46.2) and Jonathan Watson in 31st (17:51.2).



Catholic Central's Alex Toloff finishes second during Saturday's regional.

### Novi Girls Cross Country

The Novi girls tell short of advancing with a fifth-place finish with 120 points. Only the top three advance.

Livonia Charter Hill won the regional with 39 points. Northville was second with 76, and Livonia Stevenson advanced with 109 points.

Andrea Kramer led the Wildcat girls with a 12-place finish in 20:18 and will advance to the state meet.

Lainey Sekulowski was next in 22nd place (21:12), followed immediately by Taylor Haverer in 23rd (21:14).

Rounding out the top five were Laina Sheeran in 30th (21:25) and Becky Holt in 33rd (21:33).

Jeff Theisen can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at jtheisen@gannett.com.

# Novi splits pair with KVC foes

## Wildcats top Lakeland, lose to Howell

By Jeff Theisen  
NOV NEWS

The Novi girls basketball team split a pair of games in the last week, beating Lakeland and losing to Howell.

The Wildcats beat Lakeland 43-28 in a game that saw some big offensive runs by each team.

The Wildcats came out hot and took a 14-5 lead by the end of the first quarter. By halftime, the Eagles led the lead to 20-19.

Novi (14-3, 8-1) came out hot again in the third and took control with a 16-5 edge in the third for a commanding 36-24 lead heading into the fourth.

Caroline Johnson led Novi with 13 points and nine rebounds, Stephanie Crawford was next with eight points, and Kris Chaklos added five points, six rebounds and a team-high four assists.

"We started out quick," Kelp said. "Taylor (Graybiel) got two fouls and they chewed back into it."

"We frustrated their best player with helpside defense. We get back to the things that we do good."

Kelp admitted the team is playing with extra confidence after getting off to an 8-0 start.

"I really look back at the Waller Lake Central win, where they beat a really good team. They knew they could play with these really good teams, even if we are down a few at halftime."

Against Howell, the Wildcats built a hole too deep to get out of in a 54-34 loss. The Highlanders rocketed out to a 17-3 lead by the end of the first and never looked back, extending the lead to 28-13 by halftime and 44-21 going into the fourth.

Jessica Cingel scored 13 points and snagged 12 rebounds to lead the Wildcats. No other Wildcat scored more than four points.

"Howell is good," Kelp said. "Both Howell games, they jumped out to early leads, and we played even the rest of the way."

Jeff Theisen can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at jtheisen@gannett.com.



Wildcat Taylor Graybiel, left, battles Howell defender Anna Patriotto during a 54-34 Wildcat loss.



Novi's Kristine Chaklos in action at Howell High School.



Wildcat Stephanie Crawford, right, runs into Highlander Alysa Asher during last Tuesday night's game.



Wildcat Amanda Diacono looks to pass around Highlander Alysa Asher.

# 'Cats on the loose

Photos by JOHN HEIDER  
Novi News



Wildcat Kristine Chaklos gets an enthusiastic greeting from her teammates as she's introduced prior to last week's away game in Howell.

# Bobcat make playoff rush



## Sports shorts

### Chase Chandler earns MIAA honor

Altium College senior cornerback Chase Chandler (Novi) has been named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Defensive Player of the Week in football after helping the Broncos to a 21-13 victory over league rival Kalamazoo College last Saturday.

Chandler intercepted two passes, broke up a pass and had nine tackles including seven solos in the game.

### Fifth Annual Novi Game Day

The Novi Ice Arena is hosting the fifth annual Novi Game Day on Saturday. More than 20 hockey games will take place throughout the day.

Other features include most accurate and fastest shot contests, fastest skater competition, mom's Scro-0 before each game and many more surprises.

For more information, contact Bernie Crowley at [bjmccrowley@aol.com](mailto:bjmccrowley@aol.com) or the Novi Youth Hockey League at (248) 755-0393.

### Northville Wrestling Club starts Nov. 7

The Northville Wrestling Club is starting up again. The club is designed for kids' grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

There will be an informational and registration meeting on Nov. 7 at the Northville High School PE classroom from 7-8 p.m. Practices will be from 6:30-8 p.m. on Mondays (K-5th grades) and Tuesdays (6th-8th grade). First practice is Nov. 27, ending in March 2007. The cost for registration is \$50, which includes shorts, t-shirts and league registration.

For more information, contact Ed Maesch at (313) 701-1070.

### Hupriker named Big Ten runner of the week

Michigan State men's cross country runner Amel Hupriker earned the final Big Ten Runner of the Week award for week 10, as announced by the conference office on Oct. 24. Hupriker earns the honor after turning in a six-mile finish in a field of 60 at the EMU Classic last week.

The Novi (class of 2005) native was the first to cross the finish line for the Spartans at the unsecured meet. Running the 10,000-meter run in 32:29.00, the finish marked Hupriker's best performance of his career.

Hupriker joins Spartan teammate Stephen Shay, as Michigan State honors this season, with Shay earning the recognition on Sept. 22.

### Hupriker joins Spartan teammate

In 1926, Bruce Church in the Salinas Valley of California — today the "nation's salad bowl" — realized his dream of keeping lettuce cool enough to stay fresh for the first long train ride across the country.

For people who had to rely on what was locally grown or preserved through canning, fresh produce in the off season was nothing short of remarkable. The delivery of fresh, crisp head lettuce was greeted with enthusiasm, and crowds gathered at railroad tracks across the U.S. with cries of "the iceberg is coming, the iceberg is coming!"

This was born a beautiful habit — eating salad daily — that Americans embrace today. Church's pioneering business grew to become Fresh Express, the creator of the fresh-cut ready-to-eat packaged salad loved today by millions of Americans. The company continues its commitment to delivering the freshest produce possible to supermarkets nationwide and is the industry pioneer and leader in freshness.

From a dream of bringing fresh, crisp and flavorful lettuce to people coast to coast, Church's legacy lives on in abundant new choices of fresh lettuce blends in the supermarket today.

So as you toss that fresh salad tonight, give a nod of thanks to a pioneer in the greens revolution.

The freshman Bobcats are all smiles after Saturday's win put them in the playoffs.

Photo submitted to the Novi News

## Bobcat playoffs begin Sunday

Submitted to the Novi News

The Novi varsity Bobcats jumped the Walled Lake Braves at Novi High School 20-14 in a thriller.

Jonathan Robinson took the opening back-off to Walled Lake's 24-yard line to start the game, and five plays later, Brady Sheldon ran it in from the one yard line for a Bobcat TD. Adam Haynes kicked the extra point to make the score 8-0.

After the Braves recovered a fumble in the end zone to make the score 8-6, Matt Scherzer picked off a Walled Lake pass and raced 58 yards for a touchdown. The extra point was missed and the score was 14-6 Bobcats. There was no more scoring in the first half.

In the third quarter, Walled Lake recovered a fumble after the Bobcats had moved the ball deep into Braves territory on the running tandem of Kristor Engig and Brady Sheldon. The Braves then went 75 yards on 15 plays to

make the score 14-12. The extra point was good and the score was tied 14-14.

With time running out in the fourth quarter, the Bobcats recovered a fumble after Matt Stark stripped the ball. Then gave the ball to the Bobcats on the 25 yard line. On fourth down and nine with just 19 seconds on the clock, Dakota Hrabie launched a perfect pass to the end zone to the outstretched arms of Brady Sheldon for a touchdown and a 20-14 victory.

The Varsity Bobcats take their 6-1 record on to the playoffs next Sunday to play the Livonia Falcons at 2:00 at the Novi Middle School.

### Bobcat JV sneaks past Braves, 12-10

The Novi Bobcat JV football team battled a tough Walled Lake squad in a tight game that ended in favor of the Bobcats 12-10. The win, earned Novi a berth in the post-season playoffs.

The Bobcats scored on their first possession when Blake Boron rushed through the defense with a 1-yard dive behind the offensive line of Scott Schramm, Charlie Ryan, Derek Edwards, Mitchell Pinkerton,

Matthew Mizrowski and Daniel Vera-Burgos.

The Bobcat defense was allowed very few touchdowns this season and rose to the occasion again when the Braves were turned away from scoring on the 1-yard line due to four consecutive Bobcat tackles by Nick Morgan, Lucas Beck, Collin Peck and Alex Carter. The defensive unit dominated Walled Lake and forced them to punt on every first half possession with swarming tackles by Alex Kinnaman, Ben Landry, Michael Meyer, Matthew Keenan, Marko Sadek, Brett Guibow, Kevin Pravato, Brad Miller, Eddie Roney and Mario Ferrini.

### Bobcat freshmen hold off Braves, 13-6

The playoff scenario for the Novi Bobcats and the Walled Lake Braves was simple: Win on Sunday and earn a spot in the playoffs, lose and you are out. With playoff hopes for both teams on the line, the Novi Bobcat freshmen beat the Walled Lake Braves 13-6 in the final game of the season improving their record to 4-3. The victory clinched a playoff spot for the Bobcats, who started the season 0-2. The Bobcats have been able to turn the season around with their strong defensive play, which ranks second in the league.

The defense would be asked to come through one more time on Sunday. The combination of a muddy field and cold swirling winds would have an impact on the game. Neither team would score in the first half. Each had opportunities but penalties and fumbles would stop any scoring chances. It was early in the third quarter when the Braves were able to score on a running play and take a 6-0 lead. The Braves would not come close to scoring again.

### Bobcat offensive line dug down and began opening holes for the running backs. Andrew Schroeder would run for 118 yards and would score a touchdown late in the third quarter. After a successful PAT, the Bobcats led 7-6.

Michael Ninkovich and Jack Pinkerton would add to the rushing stats with 63 yards and 61 yards respectively.

The offense would once again drive the half down to the Braves 1-yard line half way through the fourth quarter where Michael Ninkovich would score on a fourth down play to give the Bobcats a 13-6 advantage.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Bobcats shut down the Braves offense. Blake McCusker, Patrick Wojtyla, Michel Ninkovich, Andrew Schroeder and Jack Pinkerton had multiple tackles in the game.

The Bobcats must now get ready to face the top seed Northville Colts in the first round of the playoffs Nov. 5.

### Bobcat defensive line dug down and began opening holes for the running backs. Andrew Schroeder would run for 118 yards and would score a touchdown late in the third quarter. After a successful PAT, the Bobcats led 7-6.

Michael Ninkovich and Jack Pinkerton would add to the rushing stats with 63 yards and 61 yards respectively.

The offense would once again drive the half down to the Braves 1-yard line half way through the fourth quarter where Michael Ninkovich would score on a fourth down play to give the Bobcats a 13-6 advantage.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Bobcats shut down the Braves offense. Blake McCusker, Patrick Wojtyla, Michel Ninkovich, Andrew Schroeder and Jack Pinkerton had multiple tackles in the game.

The Bobcats must now get ready to face the top seed Northville Colts in the first round of the playoffs Nov. 5.

From the creators of **Shrek** and **Madagascar**

Someone's Going Down.

DREAMWORKS & AARDMAN

# Flushed Away

STARTS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

ALL THEATRES

AMC LINCOLN 26  
AMC LINCOLN 28  
AMC LINCOLN 30  
AMC LINCOLN 32  
AMC LINCOLN 34  
AMC LINCOLN 36  
AMC LINCOLN 38  
AMC LINCOLN 40  
AMC LINCOLN 42  
AMC LINCOLN 44  
AMC LINCOLN 46  
AMC LINCOLN 48  
AMC LINCOLN 50  
AMC LINCOLN 52  
AMC LINCOLN 54  
AMC LINCOLN 56  
AMC LINCOLN 58  
AMC LINCOLN 60  
AMC LINCOLN 62  
AMC LINCOLN 64  
AMC LINCOLN 66  
AMC LINCOLN 68  
AMC LINCOLN 70  
AMC LINCOLN 72  
AMC LINCOLN 74  
AMC LINCOLN 76  
AMC LINCOLN 78  
AMC LINCOLN 80  
AMC LINCOLN 82  
AMC LINCOLN 84  
AMC LINCOLN 86  
AMC LINCOLN 88  
AMC LINCOLN 90  
AMC LINCOLN 92  
AMC LINCOLN 94  
AMC LINCOLN 96  
AMC LINCOLN 98  
AMC LINCOLN 100

EXPERIENCE THE MOST MAGICAL FAMILY COMEDY OF THE SEASON!

IT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

TIM ALLEN MARTIN SHORT

# ESCAPE WITH SANTA CLAUSE

THE SANTA CLAUSE 3

STARTS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

ALL THEATRES

AMC LINCOLN 26  
AMC LINCOLN 28  
AMC LINCOLN 30  
AMC LINCOLN 32  
AMC LINCOLN 34  
AMC LINCOLN 36  
AMC LINCOLN 38  
AMC LINCOLN 40  
AMC LINCOLN 42  
AMC LINCOLN 44  
AMC LINCOLN 46  
AMC LINCOLN 48  
AMC LINCOLN 50  
AMC LINCOLN 52  
AMC LINCOLN 54  
AMC LINCOLN 56  
AMC LINCOLN 58  
AMC LINCOLN 60  
AMC LINCOLN 62  
AMC LINCOLN 64  
AMC LINCOLN 66  
AMC LINCOLN 68  
AMC LINCOLN 70  
AMC LINCOLN 72  
AMC LINCOLN 74  
AMC LINCOLN 76  
AMC LINCOLN 78  
AMC LINCOLN 80  
AMC LINCOLN 82  
AMC LINCOLN 84  
AMC LINCOLN 86  
AMC LINCOLN 88  
AMC LINCOLN 90  
AMC LINCOLN 92  
AMC LINCOLN 94  
AMC LINCOLN 96  
AMC LINCOLN 98  
AMC LINCOLN 100

NOVI SKI CLEARANCE CENTER SALE!

BOYNE COUNTRY SPORTS

50-70% OFF

OPEN NOW!

NOVI TOWN CENTER

THE MOST RESPECTED CRITICS IN THE NATION SALUTE "FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS"

A MASTERFUL STORY. A POWERFUL MOVIE.

★★★★

# FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS

NOW PLAYING

ALL THEATRES

AMC LINCOLN 26  
AMC LINCOLN 28  
AMC LINCOLN 30  
AMC LINCOLN 32  
AMC LINCOLN 34  
AMC LINCOLN 36  
AMC LINCOLN 38  
AMC LINCOLN 40  
AMC LINCOLN 42  
AMC LINCOLN 44  
AMC LINCOLN 46  
AMC LINCOLN 48  
AMC LINCOLN 50  
AMC LINCOLN 52  
AMC LINCOLN 54  
AMC LINCOLN 56  
AMC LINCOLN 58  
AMC LINCOLN 60  
AMC LINCOLN 62  
AMC LINCOLN 64  
AMC LINCOLN 66  
AMC LINCOLN 68  
AMC LINCOLN 70  
AMC LINCOLN 72  
AMC LINCOLN 74  
AMC LINCOLN 76  
AMC LINCOLN 78  
AMC LINCOLN 80  
AMC LINCOLN 82  
AMC LINCOLN 84  
AMC LINCOLN 86  
AMC LINCOLN 88  
AMC LINCOLN 90  
AMC LINCOLN 92  
AMC LINCOLN 94  
AMC LINCOLN 96  
AMC LINCOLN 98  
AMC LINCOLN 100

# FOOD



Lettuce blends with new tastes and textures make for gourmet salads every day!

# Fresh THIS FALL!

Flavorful toppings like crisp apples, crunchy pears, gorgonzola and cherry tomatoes help to create your own gourmet salad masterpiece.

## Fresh Salad Makings Eighty Years Young

We don't think twice about the tossed salad or gourmet greens we enjoy every day. But this healthy American habit comes to us thanks to the vision 80 years ago of an early 20th century produce pioneer.

In 1926, Bruce Church in the Salinas Valley of California — today the "nation's salad bowl" — realized his dream of keeping lettuce cool enough to stay fresh for the first long train ride across the country.

For people who had to rely on what was locally grown or preserved through canning, fresh produce in the off season was nothing short of remarkable. The delivery of fresh, crisp head lettuce was greeted with enthusiasm, and crowds gathered at railroad tracks across the U.S. with cries of "the iceberg is coming, the iceberg is coming!"

This was born a beautiful habit — eating salad daily — that Americans embrace today. Church's pioneering business grew to become Fresh Express, the creator of the fresh-cut ready-to-eat packaged salad loved today by millions of Americans. The company continues its commitment to delivering the freshest produce possible to supermarkets nationwide and is the industry pioneer and leader in freshness.

From a dream of bringing fresh, crisp and flavorful lettuce to people coast to coast, Church's legacy lives on in abundant new choices of fresh lettuce blends in the supermarket today.

So as you toss that fresh salad tonight, give a nod of thanks to a pioneer in the greens revolution.

### Sweet Butter Salad With Mustard, Potato and Swiss

A hearty salad custom-made for cooler days! Serve alongside a grilled steak, pork chops or smoked sausage. Use ready-to-serve, sliced potatoes. Add cubed ham to make this a main dish.

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 8-ounce package Fresh Express Sweet Butter Blend
- 1 cup cooked, diced potato with skin (about 4 ounces)
- 4 thin slices red onion, halved
- 1 cup (4 ounces) mild Swiss cheese, cut Julienne
- 1/4 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
- Mustard Vinaigrette
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In large bowl toss together lettuce, potatoes, onions, cheese and walnuts. For vinaigrette, whisk together all ingredients in small bowl. Add to lettuce mixture. Serve immediately.

### Hearty 5-Lettuce Salad With Bacon and Blue Cheese

This vibrant salad make a perfect flavor partner for roasted chicken — pick up a rotisserie chicken to make supper a breeze. For added crunch, toss pecans in a skillet over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally until fragrant.

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 10-ounce package Fresh Express 5-Lettuce Mix
- 1 crisp apple, such as Granny Smith or Fuji, core and dice, about 2 cups
- 4 slices cooked bacon, diced
- 3/4 cup (3 ounces) crumbled blue cheese
- 1/4 cup toasted pecan halves (optional)
- Creamy Vinaigrette
- 1/2 cup light mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In large bowl toss together lettuce, apple and bacon. For vinaigrette, whisk together all ingredients in small bowl; pour over salad and toss to coat evenly. Sprinkle with blue cheese and pecans, toss again and serve immediately.

It's the same sad story this time every year: A dwindling supply of seasonal produce means farewell to summer's bounty.

Fortunately, there's delicious solace in knowing that fresh salads remain on the menu throughout the year thanks to a growing market for packaged, ready-to-eat blends.

It's a good thing, too. We Americans love salad and we enjoy creatively making salads distinctively our own with flavorful additions. Whether adding fresh and dried fruit, nuts, cheese, veggies, croutons and dressing — as long as we start with the most important element of high-quality fresh lettuce and greens, our salad initiative knows no bounds.

As nutritionists remind us to eat more produce daily, there is added incentive to keep a salad on the menu once or twice a day. A great salad starts with a foundation of greens — the fresher the better. Shop for a variety of blends — lively colors, flavors and textures — to keep your salads special.

Modern fresh salad technology provides us with super-fresh, ready-to-dress salads, so salad making is a snap. With eat-out-of-the-bag convenience, taking a salad for lunch every day is easy. Produce experts, like top salad-maker Fresh Express, continue to introduce new blends that inspire salad sensibility. Look for traditional favorites and exciting new blends like 5-Lettuce Mix and Sweet Butter. Continuing its historical beginnings as a leader in fresh lettuce (see sidebar on Bruce Church), Fresh Express is the only salad maker offering a freshness guarantee, allowing you to focus on what you do best — letting your salad imagination soar. For the latest arrivals in convenient salads, recipes and flavorful ideas, visit the Fresh Express Web site at [www.freshexpress.com](http://www.freshexpress.com).

## Creating your gourmet salad masterpiece

Keep several bags of blends on hand for making your own fresh, easy, distinctive salad every night. Go "gourmet everyday" by starting with a guaranteed-fresh salad blend and chew on these ideas:

Salad foundation	Make it your own with:
<b>Make it savory</b> Sweet Butter blend or American (iceberg, romaine and carrots)	Sliced or diced avocado, Swiss cheese, cherry tomatoes, diced ham, mango chutney, red onion, bacon, blue cheese
<b>Make it tangy</b> 5-Lettuce Mix (5 European lettuces) or Riviera blend (butter lettuce and radicchio)	Mandarín orange slices, sliced almonds, lemon peel, pomegranate seeds, crumbled blue cheese, grape peel, dried cranberries, orange peel sections, avocado
<b>Make it nutty</b> European blend (romaine and green leaf) or Triple Hearts blend (romaine, green leaf and sweet butter)	Almonds, hard-boiled egg, cherry tomatoes, pine nuts, chopped beets, roasted red peppers, walnuts, dried cranberries, blue cheese
<b>Make it crisp and crunchy</b> Field Greens (romaine, frisée and carrots) or Italian blend (romaine and radicchio)	Celery, cucumber, parmesan cheese, sunflower seeds, broccoli, red onion, apples, walnuts, Gorgonzola cheese, cherry tomatoes

# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Page 6B

Thursday, November 2, 2006

## Home Owners... Make Sure Your Garage Door Is In Good Condition And Operating Safely!

Your garage door is probably the largest moving object in your home. The garage door may weigh about 400 pounds. For your family safety make sure it is in good operating condition.

**Balance:** Overhead garage doors have gravity to deal with. In the absence of some type of balancing mechanism, the door would slam shut as soon as you release it. In addition, some doors would probably be too heavy to operate. Older garage doors may employ a weight and pulley system for balance. Today virtually all garage door systems use springs to balance the door. If you open your garage door about 1/2 way it should balance there. If it does not then we recommend having it checked for safe operations and balance adjustment.

**Spring Failure:** The springs used to balance the weight of the door are under stress. If a spring should break pieces of broken metal could cause injury. Modern spring features incorporate safety features to avoid such things as pieces of metal. As an example extension springs should have a cable in the middle of the spring to contain the spring upon failure. If you are unsure of the condition or safety features of your garage door then have it inspected. DO NOT attempt to adjust the garage door yourself as this could be very dangerous.



Randall Patterson

**Automatic Operate:** Automatic door openers are not a replacement for a properly balanced garage door. The opener is not powerful enough to lift the entire weight of the garage door. The opener works in conjunction with the springs to counter balance the entire system.

**Auto Reverse:** An automatic garage door opener should stop and reverse on meeting an obstacle. Many older systems may not have the safety feature. These older systems should be replaced to provide your family proper safety of the door.

**Testing Auto Reverse:** Place a roll of paper towels on the ground in the middle of the door. Activate the garage door to close. If the roll of paper towels is crushed then the door requires maintenance and service. The pressure sensor on the door should notice the paper towel roll and auto reverse without crushing the roll.

**Electric Eye:** The safety eye of modern garage doors should be mounted 5' to 6' off the floor. This will sense objects in the path of the door and will reverse automatically. The eye has to rely on the pressure sensor. This is much safer operation.

**Testing Electric Safety Eye:** As the garage door is closing make sure you are not standing under the garage door and interrupt the eye sensors with your hand or foot. The garage door should stop closing and reverse.

**Emergency Release:** During a power outage the garage door will not operate. There should be an emergency release cord on the drive track to manually release and operate the garage door. Pull this release cord and you should be able to manually operate the garage door. If this does not work then we recommend having the system checked and serviced to obtain intended operations.

**Other Tips:** Remember an overhead garage door that is poorly maintained may pose a safety hazard to your family and pets. Sectional garage doors have a pinch hazard and fingers. The remote control to your garage door is like a key to your garage. Keep this remote in a safe place and not in your vehicle. When you move into a new home it is recommended that you change the code of the remote to provide security for your home. If the garage door in your new home is different then we recommend upgrading the system in order to provide the safety features mentioned above.

**Electric Children:** Children need to know and understand to properly maintain the garage door operation. Bats and toys should never be left in the door path. Make sure they know not to play with the garage door opener button on the wall or the remote control. Avoid children playing with the garage door button on the wall by mounting high when five feet above the floor location of the floor or step where the button is located. Call us to have your home checked and ensure your safety features of the garage door and your home.

Call us to have your garage door checked and ensure your safety features of the garage door and your home.

Door with Please To

Do not touch the door when it is closed. Do not touch the door when it is open. Do not touch the door when it is moving. Do not touch the door when it is stopping. Do not touch the door when it is reversing.

Randall Patterson  
Central Office: 734-760-1100  
MARI-CHI Home Inspection  
120 West 10th Street, Suite 100  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106  
Dates: (419) 753-9432

For additional information please visit our website at [www.pattersonremediation.com](http://www.pattersonremediation.com)

We also provide home owners with the following Environmental Testing Services:

- Radon Testing
- Asbestos Sampling
- Water & Air Quality Testing
- Term Inspections
- Well & Septic Inspections
- Home Energy Surveys
- Custom Inspections for any area of your home.

ADVERTISEMENT

ADVERTISEMENT



The Dixboro General Store, located at 5206 Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor, has something for everyone this holiday season.

## Dixboro Store rekindles holiday memories

Popular store has something for everyone

By Kate Phillips  
SPECIAL WRITER

Taking a step over the threshold of the Dixboro General Store in Ann Arbor is like taking a step back in time.

This historic store, and the adjoining Marchmont Home houses one of the busiest country gift and furniture stores in Michigan. Although customers love the unique jellies, candies and fudge found at the store, what really attracts people is its selection of furniture, home accessories and year-round seasonal items.

This time of year Christmas dominates the store's appearance. From ornaments, garlands, wreaths and trees to unique gifts and table top items, the store is a great place to shop for the holidays.

Each year, the Dixboro General Store hosts the highly anticipated Christmas open house. This year's event will run from Nov. 7-12, with savings on all holiday merchandise, refreshments, door prizes, and free carriage rides.

Author Mark Kimball Moulton and illustrator Karen Hillard Good will be on hand signing their popular children's books, and a signing appearance by Dan DiPaolo, creator of the collectible August Alton figures will be held during the Open House.

### Store has colorful history

Nestled in the small village of Dixboro, just outside bustling Ann Arbor, the Dixboro General Store has long been a landmark to neighboring towns.

The store was built around 1840, seven years before the birth of Thomas Edison, and nearly 20 years before the beginning of the Civil War. It sold general merchandise,

### DIXBORO GENERAL STORE

Location: 5206 Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor  
Phone: (734) 663-5558  
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Web: [www.dixboro.com](http://www.dixboro.com)  
• Holiday Open House  
Nov. 7-12  
Mark Moulton and Karen Good Book Signing Wednesday, Nov. 8  
August Moon Collectibles Signing, Friday Nov. 10  
• Santa visits  
Weekends, Nov. 26-Dec. 17. Bring your own camera for a photo with Santa!



surviving in the early years by trading with locals and travelers. Plymouth Road was once the main route connecting Detroit and Ann Arbor, taking a team of horses with a load of goods a minimum of three days.

The upstairs usually housed the merchant's family, who often entertained neighbors on the front porch with their guitars and fiddles.

The east side of the current store, which now houses the store's Bear Room, player piano and kitchen, was actually a separate house until it was connected to the general store in 1925.

Around 1915 and continuing for many years, the upstairs of the store was used as a Saturday night dance hall. Customers now walk on the same hardwood dance floor installed in the 1920s.

In that same decade, the store owner added a gas pump and sold gasoline for these fashionable Model T's that replaced the horse and buggy. Later, a small hot dog stand was even set out from to grab the attention of the many cars traveling Plymouth Road to University of Michigan football games.

In 1964, the store changed from general merchandise to antiques and remained an antique store until the 1980s. The store had

been vacant for several years when Allan and Cheryl Goode purchased the property in 1998, renovated the store and reopened its doors in 1999.

"When we first reopened the store in this tiny village we didn't know if people would come," Allan said. "But as soon as we opened our doors we knew it was a success."

"People visit the store for an afternoon in the country, even though we're only a few miles from busy Plymouth and Ann Arbor."

### Old-fashioned family fun

Today, thousands of people cross the threshold into the general store each year, and it has nearly 40,000 people on its mailing list.

"Not only does the store offer a unique shopping experience, but during special events scheduled several times a year, customers can enjoy such activities as carriage rides, outdoor bands, signings by nationally known artists and authors and a twice-yearly barn sale."

"I hear a lot of women say that this is one of the few stores that their husbands actually enjoy!" Cheryl said.

Children love the old-fashioned candy and toys and parents like to show little ones items they remember from their younger days.

Specialty gifts for holidays include several lines of candles, including the popular Yankee Candles, collectible pottery lines, and hand-painted signs. An eclectic mix of American Made Furniture and home accessories gives the store a warm, charming feel that can't be duplicated, and keeps Dixboro's customers returning often to enjoy this unique shopping experience.

### Furniture and upholstery

The Dixboro General Store has a wide variety of furniture styles, wood types and colors. Upholstered lines feature hundreds of fabrics and styles. Shoppers can find something for every room in the house.

"Many people don't realize that we sell furniture," Cheryl said. "But in fact, we are one of the top dealers for most of our furniture lines."

Not only is all of the store's furniture American made, but it is hand-crafted from solid wood, and built to last a lifetime.

Looking for a special piece? Check out the store's online catalog ([www.dixboro.com](http://www.dixboro.com)) for ideas, options and merchandise.

No matter what you are looking for, you're likely to find it at Dixboro general store. A visit to this lovely village store will likely be long-remembered by both young and old alike.

FURNITURE • CANDLES • FUDGE • COLLECTABLES

Rated #1 by AAA

# DIXBORO

## GENERAL STORE

**Holiday Open House - November 7<sup>th</sup> thru November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Daily Carriage Rides • Children's Book Signing Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 5206 Plymouth Rd. in Ann Arbor • 1/2 Miles East of US 23 • (734) 663-5558 • [www.dixboro.com](http://www.dixboro.com)